

Newark. I understood from what these men said and told me that thru Sholl, they expected to get the favoritism of 'Longie' Zwillman of Newark who is reported to control the gambling in New Jersey. Zwillman is the leader of what is known as the 'Third Ward Mob' which organization operates the dog tracks in New Jersey, as well as the slot machines and the 'number' racket. I also know that Joe Adams contacted Col. Baumgardner at West Orange, N. J. in connection with establishing a dog track at West Orange. On another occasion I drove Adams and the other two men to a town on Long Island, where this group spent about 4 or 5 hours visiting a man who Adams later told me was a member of the President's 'Brain Trust'. I believe this man lived at Fort Washington, Long Island.

After I worked for Adams for a month, he told me that he and the party were returning to Miami as it was a waste of time to try to get a racing concession in New Jersey. During the time I worked for Adams, I got very friendly with him as did my pal, Gregory I. Codomo, of Newark. When Adams left he told Codomo and me that if we ever came to Miami, he'd help us get jobs. Adams wrote me a letter when enroute from Newark to Miami after which we corresponded infrequently.

In the fall of 1934, I wrote Adams telling him that Codomo and I were out of work and that we'd like to spend the winter in Miami if he could help us get work. He wrote me that he could help us when the Dog Racing Season started and that if we came before that time he would see that we got enough money to furnish us with spending money and that he would take care of our room and board until we got steady work.

In accordance with Adams promises and thinking that he was a very wealthy man, Codomo and I drove to Miami from Newark in the latter part of Oct. 1934. We drove in Codomo's 1931 Ford Coupe. When we arrived in Miami we spent the first night at a small hotel where Codomo's sweetheart was stopping. The next day we called on Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, of which place we had been told by him, he was the manager. He told us to move in the Hotel and that we could stay there until the dog races started on Dec. 1st when we could live in one of the Huts at the Biscayne Kennel Club.

"In accordance with this offer of Adams' we moved into the El Comodoro Hotel and were assigned room #1102. About 2 or 3 weeks after we moved into this hotel, I noticed 2 men and an old lady in the lobby. I saw these people frequently in the lobby on and off from that time until a week or two before Xmas. I have identified the picture of a woman who I have been told was Kate Barker as this woman. The man who was with her and who I understood was her son was called 'Shorty', by the second man who was in that party. I have identified the photograph of a man who I have been told was Fred Barker as the man who was called 'Shorty'. The photograph of the man who I have been told is Harry Campbell is that of the second man in this party. I don't know what rooms these people occupied in the Hotel. However, I frequently saw Joe Adams talking to these people in the lobby of the Hotel. I never saw him talking to all three at the same time but I have seen him talk to two of them at one time. They never seemed to be talking confidentially but were sitting in the lobby as with other guests. I never saw Bob Knight who is Adams' father-in-law and who I understand owns the El Comodoro talking to these people, nor did I ever see the other members of the staff talk to them except in a casual manner.

These three people walked around the lobby of the Hotel in a very carefree manner and I did not recognize them as anybody I had ever seen before or whose photographs I had seen. However, I did think these men were perhaps in the liquor racket or some other illegal racket since they seemed to have nothing whatsoever to do.

In the first part of November 1934 on an occasion when Adams and I were talking about my working at the Dog Track, I asked him how I was going to travel back and forth to it, and he replied that I couldn't use his Lincoln, but that he perhaps could get a cheaper car for me. A few days later I again spoke to him about this matter. Codomo was with me at this time. Adams told me that a Mr. Bronson had a Ford Coupe stored at the Biscayne Kennel Club and that it could be bought for about \$500.00, that he would see Mr. Bronson about it; further that he would take care of the cost of the car and that I could see him later about it. Fred Barker who I at that time knew as 'Shorty' was sitting in Mr. Adams' office located on the 1st floor of the Hotel at the time I had this conversation with Adams. When I walked into the office I heard Adams and Barker talking about dog racing.



"The next day I went to Adams' office again and at that time Adams gave me the keys for an automobile, also the registration slip for the automobile showing it had been registered in Ohio by a Charles Bronson. He also gave me a ten dollar bill and told me to get the Ford Coupe at the Kennel Club and buy license plates for it. No one else was present at this time. Adams never told me what he paid for the car nor did he identify Mr. Bronson in any manner. I, however, of my own accord drew the conclusion that Bronson was 'Shorty'. After I obtained the car I purchased license plates for it in Miami registering it in my own name. It was on or about Nov. 5th 1934."

NOTE: The Florida Certificate of Title, No. 950615-A, Application No. 53671, was dated at Tallahassee, Florida, on November 20, 1934, in the name of Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, which would indicate that Randall registered this car on November 20, 1934, instead of on November 5, 1934, as he indicates above.

"that I registered this car. I registered it in my own name inasmuch as Adams when giving me the money to buy plates told me to go over and get my own plates. Adams used the automobile for the first two weeks after I got it. Thereafter I used it to go back and forth to the Dog track. This automobile that I got thru Adams is the same car that I had in my possession today and which car I have voluntarily given possession of to Special Agent J. H. Hanson."

NOTE: The above mentioned car is a 1934 Ford V-8 coupe, Motor No. 18-1037480, which was originally purchased by Alvin Karpis in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 20, 1934, in the name of Charles Bronson, from the Falke Motor Company. Further reference is also made to the disposition of this car on the part of Adams in the signed statement of Adams seen under the testimony of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson seen elsewhere in this report.

It is to be noted that at the time of Randall's apprehension on January 21, 1935, in Room 517 of the Talmadge Hotel, Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson found therein a 1935 Florida Automobile Registration Card, indicating that Florida tag No. 38656 had been issued to Duke Randall at the El Comodore Hotel on January 14, 1935, for the above described car.

Agent Hanson also found in Randall's room a Florida Certificate of Title No. 950615-A, which certificate is mentioned in the above notation.

"I saw Shorty in Adams' office on the time when I spoke to Adams about the automobile mentioned above; also one time about Xmas of 1934 when I went to Adams' office to see about a bill the El Comodore had sent me. At this second time Adams and 'Shorty' were eating lunch in the office. I also saw 'Shorty' drive Adams' Lincoln Sedan on one occasion. Shorty was alone in the car and drove it into the parking lot in the rear of the Hotel. The next day Adams told me to take the car to the Firestone Service Station, at 13th Ave & Flagler St., saying he loaned it to someone yesterday and they said they wouldn't drive it because it shimmed too much.

During the first two weeks of December 1934, I saw a young woman around the El Comodore Hotel. She was in a pregnant condition. She appeared to be alone. I never noticed Joe Adams or any men talking to her. Some time before Xmas, this woman left the Hotel and I never saw her again until a few days ago, as I will explain later.

The Photograph of the person who I have been told is of Alvin Karpis I wish to say is that of a man I met in Joe Adams' office at the El Comodore Hotel on about Dec. 22, 1934. I went to Adams' office at his request and Karpis was there at that time. Adams asked me if I would do a friend of his a favor. I told him I would if I could do it. Adams pointing to Karpis, then said this Mr. Morrison wants you to buy a car for him, and that he had already picked out the car. Karpis then told me the car he wanted was a black two door Buick Sedan standing in the middle of the show room floor. He also gave me a business card of the Ugar Buick Co., which is the same card found in my room today by Special Agents Hanson and Jones and which card I have

initialed. Adams at this time told me that he wanted me to do this because they were busy and were expecting a business call. When I asked them in whose name I should buy the automobile, Karpis spoke up saying here's a slip with my name and address. I recall the name to be Leroy Morrison and the address some number on Main St., in Buffalo, N. Y. I then went to the Ungar Buick Co., where I talked to Mr. Bishop and the manager of the place. Before going there, Karpis had told me in Adams' office and in the latter's presence that the car he wanted cost \$1080.00. He also told me to get his license plates for the car. He gave me eleven one hundred dollar bills to pay for this automobile.

At the Buick place I asked Mr. Bishop if the black 2 door Buick Sedan standing in the floor cost \$1080.00 and when he stated that it did, I told him I wanted to buy it. Neither Bishop nor the sales manager said anything to indicate that anyone else had been looking at the car. When I decided to take the car, I told Bishop, who asked for the name of the purchaser, that it was Leroy Morrison and gave the Buffalo, N. Y. address that Karpis had given to me. I also asked Bishop to get license plates for me and when he asked for my local address I told him I had none, as I was intending to move at that time. Bishop then told me I could pick up the title in 15 or 20 days at the Buick Co. -- I never did do that and don't know where the title is now. --

NOTE: It is to be noted that at the time of Randall's arrest there was found among his personal effects by Special Agent in Charge Hanson a receipt of the Ungar Buick Company, 1201 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida, No. 4356, dated December 22, 1934, indicating that there had been sold to Leroy Morrison, 1201 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida, by salesman Bishop, one Model 1935-48 Buick Coupe, reflecting that the car cost \$1,080.00, and that a bill was also made for license plates at a cost of \$16.50, total charge \$1,096.50, which was paid for by cash on delivery.

In connection with the title papers to this car, it is to be noted that the title was forwarded to the Ungar Buick Company but was never obtained by Duke Randall or Alvin Karpis. The title was obtained by Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, indicating that same was dated January 1, 1935, Application No. 377514, Certificate No. 959114, for a Buick coupe (official Buick name for this particular model is coupe rather than two-door sedan), with steel wheels, Motor No. 42949155, Model 35-48, 8 cyls., Serial No. 2783525, showing the title of this automobile to be in the name of Leroy Morrison, 1201 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida.

"It took me about an hour to get the Buick and when I got it I immediately drove it to the El Comodoro Hotel, parked it in the parking lot at the rear, then walked into Mr. Adams' office and give the keys to the car and the money that was left over to Karpis who was still there. I noticed at that time that Karpis and Adams were drinking beer together. I told Karpis he'd have to go to the Buick Co., for his title papers. Adams said nothing at this time.

I did not see Karpis again until the night of either Jan. 15th or 16th when a woman came to my money-changing window at the Biscayne Kennel Club. She called me Duke and said that Mr. Morrison wanted to see me. I told her I couldn't see him until between 11:30 PM and 12:30 AM when the last race had started. She then said I should come outside in the parking lot and see him at that time. This woman who talked to me is apparently Wynona Burdette whose photograph I have identified. When I got outside she took me to the Buick Sedan parked there and I saw that Karpis and Campbell were in the car. I got in the Buick with Karpis and Campbell. Karpis did the talking. He told me that they had to leave, that they were going up north to Atlantic City or Philadelphia, and he asked

"If I hadn't lived in Atlantic City. When I replied that I had, he asked me the name of a hotel there. I told him about the Danmor Hotel. I saw him write that name on a card. He also told me to give the girls the address of the Hotel saying further that the girls were going to take the train because his wife was pregnant. At that time I didn't know who his wife was but as I will explain below I subsequently recognized her as the pregnant girl I had seen at the Hotel. He also asked me to take care of his wife and Campbell's wife until train time the next day. He further stated that they would go over and pick them up. We then started to drive out of the parking lot. I was driving my Ford Coupe and Karpis and Campbell were in the Buick Sedan. When we got on Second Ave., the girls were sitting in a Ford Sedan. Wynona Burdette was at the driver's seat and Dolores Delaney was in the car with her. I then recognized the Delaney woman as the pregnant woman, I had seen at the El Comodoro Hotel, as I had previously mentioned. When the Buick reached the car in which the 2 girls were sitting it stopped and the two men got out and talked to the girls. I heard them tell the girls that I would tell them where they were going to stop in Atlantic City. The two men then began to drive away but turned around before I got in my car. Karpis told me in the presence of the girls that I should get a thousand dollars from Joe Adams at the El Comodoro the next day and give it to the girls. He also said I should tell Joe to give me two hundred dollars.

The men then drove away down second Ave. which is the Dixie Highway going north. I then drove towards Miami going to the Ta-Miami Hotel. The girls followed me in the Ford Sedan. I parked on the street in front of the Hotel and the girls were directed by me to the parking lot in the rear of the Hotel. The girls then came in the Hotel with me. I took their bags out of the car. They had three women's bags. They were not very heavy. One of the porters carried the bags in the hotel and put them in the check room. I told the manager of the Hotel that the girls were my sisters and that they were going to use my room for a few hours until their train left. The girls then accompanied me to my room. We talked for a while at that time. They did not mention why the boys were leaving, but they did not mention why the boys were leaving, but they did mention that they were going to



"Atlantic City where Dolores' baby was to be born. They asked me the name of the Hotel the boys were going to stop at there. I told them the Danmor and when I wrote the name of it down and also directed a note to Bill Morley telling him that these people were my friends and that I wanted him to take care of these people."

NOTE: It is to be noted that among the personal effects of Dolores Delaney found by Special Agent J. R. Sharp Danmore Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on January 20, 1935, was some writing in green ink on a piece of stationery of the Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida, which directed parties to Bill Morley of the Danmore Hotel. It is expected that Dolores Delaney will identify this handwriting as being that of Duke Randall, which was written for her to retain at the same time as he wrote a letter or a note which was to be given by her to Bill Morley.

This handwritten notation is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

"Dolores also asked me for the name of a doctor in Atlantic City. I told her that Mrs. Morley could perhaps refer her to a doctor. At this time the girls also asked me to buy railway tickets and a compartment for them to Atlantic City. Dolores gave me \$150.00 for this purpose. She gave me this money about 6 AM on Thursday, Jan. 17th. After I had left the girls a few hours earlier to go to Miami Beach, I had gone by the depot to inquire about the cost of these tickets. I bought the tickets shortly after 6 AM at the Florida East Coast Railway depot. After getting the tickets I returned to the Hotel and gave them to Dolores, also giving her the change that was left over. She did not give me anything for this. At this time, Wynona Burdette told me that she hated to leave her car in Miami as she liked it. She asked me to put the car in a

"garage or to park it until she called for it. She gave me the keys for the car, as well as the papers of ownership for it.

NOTE: It is to be noted that former Special Agent R. L. Jones obtained from Gregory I. Codomo, State of Florida Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title No. 952564, Application No. 370964, dated at Tallahassee, Florida, December 7, 1934, for a Ford fordor sedan, bearing Engine No. 18-1190702, Model 40, 8 cyla., issued to G. F. Summers, Box 738, Gainesville, Florida. This is one of the papers which was delivered to Randall by Wynona Burdette on January 17, 1935, when Karpis, Campbell, Delaney, and Burdette were in flight to Atlantic City, New Jersey. This certificate of title is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

It is also to be noted that former Special Agent R. L. Jones obtained from Gregory I. Codomo a 1935 Florida Registration Card issued to G. F. Summers, Box 738, Gainesville, Florida, on January 14, 1935, reflecting that Florida tag No. 99195 had been issued for a Ford fordor sedan, bearing Motor No. 18-1190702, Title Certificate No. 952564, the 1934 tag being No. 204-692. This is another of the papers which was given to Randall by Wynona Burdette on January 17, 1935, when she and the others mentioned above were in flight to Atlantic City, New Jersey. This registration card is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

It is to be noted that these title papers were delivered to Codomo by Randall for safekeeping.

"She gave me no money to store the car, altho she asked what this would cost. I told her I didn't know so she said she'd pay for it on her return. The papers she gave me included the title, registration slip and bill of sale for the car. I then noticed that these papers were made out in the name of G. F. Summers. In order that I wouldn't have to pay storage on the car, I turned it over to my room-mate, Gregory I. Codomo, to drive it to Miami Beach telling him to store it at the Bowers Club parking space. I told him the car wouldn't be used and that he could take the plates off of it. I left the girls in my room which is #517 at the Ta-Miami, about 6:30 AM that date. I remained in the lobby until 10 AM when I returned to my room and the girls were getting ready to leave. I went back to the lobby and the girls came down in a few minutes. The clerk called a cab and told the porter to get the girls bags. The girls then left.

I should have explained above that at 9 AM, January 17, 1935, I went to the El Comodoro Hotel, where I saw Joe Adams. He was behind the clerk's desk in the office. I went in a private office off of the clerk's room and Joe came in there. I explained to him what Karpis had told me the previous night and asked him for twelve hundred dollars. He left the room and when he returned he said 'They ain't got a Hell of a lot of dough left. Give them this and tell them that's all they get.' With that he gave me a thousand dollar bill, also saying, 'I suppose I'll have to fix that house up.' I said nothing but walked back to my hotel, the Ta-Miami Hotel where I asked the clerk if he could get the \$1000.00 bill changed for me. I told him I didn't know anybody in the bank and they perhaps would think I stole it. The clerk got the bill changed giving me twenty \$50.00 bills. I then went to my room and gave Delores sixteen \$50.00 bills. I told her that I took \$200.00 out of the sum.

On Wednesday afternoon, Jan 16, 1935, when I was at the El Comodoro Hotel, I was sitting in the lobby with Joe Adams. He said 'That's what you get for doing favors for people.' I asked him what he meant. He said 'I rented that house at Lake Wier to that old lady and her son. They must have been wanted by the police because there was a terrible shooting match up there this morning.' When he mentioned the old lady and her son, I thought of Fred Barker and his

"mother because Joe had previously told me that he had rented Carson Bradford's house at Lake Wier to Blackburn. I also thought of these people at this time because I had made a trip to Quincy, Florida, about Dec. 1st, 1934. I made this trip at the request of Joe Adams who asked me to drive George Bevis, one of the Florida racing commissioners, to his home as his baby was dying. Adams told me that on my way back I should stop at Bradford's place at Lake Wier where I could pick some oranges and bring them back. He then told me that the old lady and her son who had stopped at the Hotel were living at Bradford's place. He said that their name was Blackburn. When I got there, a negro told me that no one was at home. He said that he didn't know where Mr. Blackburn and his mother were, further that they were gone for a few days. The negro helped me pick some oranges and when I returned to Miami the bell boys at the Hotel took them from the car and put them in the check room. I did not see Joe Adams at that time as I believe he was at the dog track.

The next day Joe asked me if the Blackburns were at home and when I told them that they weren't, he asked me if the colored boy had told me where they were.

I also wish to say at this time that on Dec. 22, 1934, when I was called to the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami by Joe Adams and when he asked me to buy the Buick Sedan for Mr. Morrison who I have identified as Alvin Karpis, there was also present at this time Fred Barker who I knew was using the names of Bronson and Blackburn. After I had bought the Buick Sedan, Adams again called me to his office in room #210 and asked me to go to a jewelry store to get an assortment of jewelry for a lady. Barker, Karpis and Adams were in the office at that time and they were talking about Christmas presents. In my presence Adams telephoned a jewelry shop and asked if they would prepare an assortment of jewelry for a lady. He said he would send a man to get the stuff and then gave me one of his cards on which he had written the name of the Suttin Jewelry Co on Flagler St., as I recall, also writing a note for them to give me the jewelry. I went to the jewelry shop where I got a package that the lady was wrapping. I brought the package to Adams' office in the El Comodoro Hotel where Adams with Fred Barker and Karpis looked over the jewelry. They selected 2 diamond bar pins. All three of them took part in the selection. I recall that Karpis and Fred Barker complained about the price of the jewelry whereupon Adams 'phoned the jeweler saying that his friends thought the price was too high. I gathered from the conversation of the three men that the jeweler reduced the

"price, as the three men were elated. Barker then handed Adams some money from his bank-roll and Adams in turn gave me the money. Adams also gave me the balance of the jewelry. I took it with the money to the jewelry shop. The jeweler gave me the receipt for the money. This is the receipt found in my room and which is made out to Joe Adams. I got no money for running this errand."

NOTE: A receipt executed by the Sutton Jewelry Company in the amount of \$200.00 was found in Randall's room at the Talmi Hotel on January 21, 1935, at the time of his apprehension.

+ "About a week before the shooting at Ocala, Fla., Joe Adams called me to his office in room #210 at the El Comodoro. He told me that a friend had left a rifle with him and that he did not want his people to know he had it in case something happened to him. He did not show me this gun at this time. However, he told me to have a box made for it. That night at the Biscayne Kennel Club, I asked Lee Kane, the carpenter, who also works and lives at the El Comodoro Hotel to make a box for the rifle. The next afternoon when I went to the track, Kane had made a box. We tried to put a shotgun in it and when it wouldn't fit, Kane altered the box. Then on the next day I got the box from Kane and took it to my room at the Ta-Miami Hotel. I then went to Adams' office in room #210 at the El Comodoro when I told Adams that the box for the gun was finished. He then opened his closet door and took out a golf bag. This is a big brown leather bag. It has a zipper top to it and the bows in the bag are covered with a darker brown leather. He unlocked the bag and took from it an automatic rifle. I have identified a gun that has been shown to me by special agent Hanson as the gun Adams took from this bag and gave to me on this occasion. Adams and I took the gun apart after which we wrapped it in newspapers. He also gave me four clips for this gun. They were loaded. They also came from the golf bag which also contained some gold sticks. At this time Adams told me to put the gun in the box, put a fictitious name on it and then check it in the check room at the El Comodoro



\*Hotel. Nothing was said about a claim check for the box. After he said this he told me I could sell this weapon or get rid of it in anyway that I wanted to. I then took the gun to my room in the Ta-Miami Hotel where I put it and the clips in the box that I had had made at the dog track. I then left the gun in my clothes closet after having painted on the box in ink, the name of the 'Hill Hardware Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.' as consignee with the 'U S Steel Co., of Bethlehem, Pa.', as consignor. The gun then remained there until the same day that Delores Delaney and Wynona Burdette left Miami, when on that night I asked Mr. Rolfe at the Biscayne Kennel Club if he would be interested in buying an automatic rifle. I offered it to him for \$150.00. I told him a friend of mine had given it to me and that I knew where he could get 2 more of them. This was a lie as I did not know where any more such guns were located, nor had I heard of anymore. Rolfe told me to bring the gun to his office the next day which I did. At Rolfe's office, Rolfe and I who were alone put the gun together. We also loaded it when it accidentally discharged. Rolfe didn't agree to buy it but said he would see me that night. When I saw him he said that he couldn't use the gun and that I could get it back. I never did get it.

I wish to say that I work for Mr. M. A. Rolfe who operates the Rolfe Armored Service being engaged in transporting money to banks. He also carries the money from the Biscayne Kennel Club to the First National Bank in Miami. It was a part of my duty to accompany the truck to the bank, as well as to act as a guard at the money windows at the Kennel Club. However during the past three weeks I worked in the money change window at the Club. In connection with my position with Rolfe, he had secured for me special officer's commissions in the City of Miami and at Miami Shores, where the Biscayne Kennel Club is located. These permits authorized me to carry a pistol. Rolfe had furnished me the 45 automatic pistol found in my room at the Ta-Miami Hotel. This gun is a Colts 45 cal. automatic pistol, government model #C112311. He also furnished me the shoulder holster found with this gun, as well as the Special officer's badge found in my room.

My salary with Rolfe is \$42.00 per week. As far as I knew Rolfe pays my salary, as his Captain, Ted Bush, paid me.

"On Monday morning, January 21, 1935 about one A.M., when I was at the Bovey Club in Miami Beach accompanied by Billie Koreen, I was told by the Cashier that I had received three telephone calls left no name, but told the Cashier to tell me that there had been a shooting scrape in Atlantic City. I thought some one was playing a trick on me. However, I still was worried and I thought of the people I had recommended to the Hotel in Atlantic City. I tried to reach Joe Adams at his home and at the El Comodoro Hotel, but he didn't answer the phone at either place. I then asked my girl companion, Billie Koreen, to call Bill Morley at the Morley Cigar Store on Kentucky Ave., in Atlantic City telling her to ask him or whoever answered if there was any trouble there. This she did. After the conversation she told me that she was told that there was a shooting in the Danmor Hotel, that 2 men got away but they had taken 2 women into custody. We stayed at the Club for an hour or two when I took my girl home. I then returned to the Bovey Club, told Gregory I Codomo, my room mate, that I was going to my hotel and that the next day I was going to see Joe Adams, ask him if he made the calls to me at the Bovey Club, and to see what he knew about this, then give my self up to the Miami Police. Before this happened I was picked up by special agents Jones and Hanson and voluntarily went with them for questioning.

I had read in the newspapers of the Bremer kidnaping case. I knew that Bremer was a brewer and that a \$200,000.00 ransom had been paid for his release. I did not know who all was wanted for this kidnaping. As I have said above, I had heard about the shooting at Lake Wier, Fla., at the Bradford home. I read the newspaper accounts of that shooting and then learned that the man I had known at the El Comodoro Hotel as 'Shorty' alias 'Bronson' alias 'Blackburn' was one of the kidnapers and was wanted by the federal government. Joe Adams had also mentioned this shooting to me and that these people were wanted by the authorities. After reading of this shooting and after hearing Adams' talk about it, I knew that the man I had met at the El Comodoro Hotel and who I knew as Morrison,

"as I have explained above, was a partner of 'Shorty's' or of Fred Barker and that he also was a fugitive from the U. S. Government in the Bremer case.

All the trouble that I have gotten into as a result of running errands for the people mentioned above was done at the instance of Joe Adams and it is only because of him that I got in this trouble.

I have read this statement of which this is the 24th page. It has been given voluntarily by me. No promises have been made to me, nor has any force been used against me.

/s/ Henry Randall

Witnesses:

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R. L. Jones

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U S Dept of Justice

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, pages 48 through 58.)

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This witness will advise that during January of 1935 he was engaged in the investigation of this case in Florida and that on January 25, 1935, at Miami, Florida, he obtained the following signed statement from Duke Randall:

"I, Duke Randall, make the following statement to L. J. Metcalf and P. C. Dunne, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice having first been told that it may be used in Court against me.

On last Sunday evening, January 20, 1935, a girl friend of mine, Billie Korean, and myself attended a moving picture show and then stopped at the Bovey Casino, 37 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach on our way home.

Immediately upon our arrival at the Bovey Casino, which was at about 11:30 P. M., Harry Heller informed me that he had a message for me which he had received from an unknown person on the telephone. The message as related to me by Heller was that there had been a shooting at Atlantic City and that I should scam out of town. The person who made the call did not tell Heller who he was but said that I'd know who made the call.

In my opinion that call could have come from no one other than Joe Adams.

Since I've been in Miami there have been only two men with whom I've had any dealings, social or business, and they are Gregory Codomo and Joe Adams. Codomo at no time ever had any dealings with Karpis, Campbell or their women. Adams on the other hand had dealt with Karpis ever since I came to Miami in November 1934.

On Thursday morning, January 18, 1935 (this should be January 17, 1935) "I went to Joe Adams and told him that 'those two fellows were out at the track last night and told me that they were going to drive to Atlantic City and that the two women

were going to Atlantic City by train; that they had told me to see you and get \$1200.00 for them.' Adams went behind the Clerk's desk and got \$1,000.00 which he gave me saying 'Here's \$1000.00, that's all I've got for them.' The money was a one thousand dollar bill.

Joe Adams is the only man I told about Karpis, Campbell and the two women going to Atlantic City.

After Heller, at the Bovey Casino, had given me the message referred to above, I became worried and had my girl friend Billie Korean call Bill Morley, at Morley's Cigar Stand, Atlantic City to verify the phone message.

I tried to reach Joe Adams on Sunday night to see if he called me but I was unable to locate him; I called both the hotel and his home.

There is no doubt in my mind that Joe Adams made the above call or had someone to make it as he is the only man, whom I know of, that knew of my directing Karpis, Campbell and the two women to Atlantic City."

Signed "Henry Randall"

"Witnesses: - L. J. Metcalf & P. C. Dunne  
Special Agents,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice"

NOTE: The original of this signed statement is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, Jacksonville, February 20, 1935, pages 59 and 60)



P. C. DUNNE,  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
232 Uptown Station and Federal  
Courts Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will advise that at Miami, Florida on January 26, 1935 he obtained the following free and voluntary statement from Duke Randall:

"I, Duke Randall, make the following statement to L. J. Metcalf and P. C. Dunne, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

On the Sunday before New Years, Dec. 30, 1935, I was in the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Fla., eating dinner. Joe Adams came up and said that he wanted me to make a trip for him; he stated that a man named Smith was supposed to make the trip but for some reason or other he was unable to do it. Adams said that he wanted me to go up to Etowah, Tennessee and give a man named Harry, who runs a filling station and garage there, \$50.00; that I should tell Harry that the money was from Joe Adams for the license plates for his car and that he (Harry) should forget about Joe Adams.

I made the trip as requested by Adams; I left Miami at about 9:00 A.M. on Dec. 31, 1934 by plane and flew to Jacksonville, Fla. At Jacksonville there was some question as to whether the plane would go through; I wired Adams requesting advice as to the procedure which I should take if the plane didn't fly to Atlanta. Adams wired me at the Jacksonville Airport that I should use my own judgment but take the quickest way.

The plane did fly to Atlanta and I rented a car in Atlanta and drove to Etowah, Tenn. and there did as Adams requested. I told Harry, as Adams had requested me to, that I (meaning Randall) would be through Etowah again sometime when I would again take care of him. Adams also told me to tell Harry that the reason he did not want his (Adams') name mentioned was that the fellows for whom the plates were for were booze runners and had got in some kind of a jam.

I am unable to recall Harry's last name but his filling station is a large station with garage attached and should be easy to locate in Etowah which is a small town."

Signed "Henry Randall"

Witnesses: -

"L. J. Metcalf  
Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice"

NOTE: Reference is made to that portion of the above statement, in which Randall advised that he wired Adams from Jacksonville, requesting advice as to the procedure which he, Randall, should take if the plane did not fly to Atlanta. It should be noted that efforts have been made to obtain the original of this wire, but that the same has been destroyed. The next wire mentioned in the signed statement, in which Adams wired Randall to use his own judgment and take the quickest way, is available and will be produced as will be seen later in this report.

The original of the above signed statement is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson,  
Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, pages  
61 and 62)

*He admitted to  
him that he was  
agent of Cook.*

S. K. McKEE,  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
232 Uptown Station and Federal Courts Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will advise that during May, 1935, he personally examined the records of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Miami, Florida, and that among other telegrams he found therein and copied for his own use the following telegram:

"(Received at Miami, Fla.)  
4:54 A.M. January 1, 1935.

JOE R ADAMS  
PENTHOUSE FLORIDA NAT BANK BLDG  
MIAMI FLA

HAD TUGH BREAKS ALL THE WAY THROUGH BUT MADE  
IT OK MET HARRY AND EVERYTHING IS FINE  
LEAVING ON 6 O'CLOCK PLANE AND ARRIVE 1208  
IN MIAMI WILL MEET YOU IN HOTEL WHEN I GET IN

DUKE

The witness will further advise that he later interviewed Henry Duke Randall, at which time Randall freely and voluntarily admitted to this witness that he had personally sent this message to Joe Adams while he was in Atlanta, Georgia, en route from Etowah, Tennessee, to Miami, Florida.

NOTE: It is to be noted that this was a trip which Randall made to Etowah, Tennessee, where the arrangements were made through Harry B. Cook so that Joe Adams' name would not be mentioned in connection with the license plates which were purchased for T. C. Blackburn.

R. E. JOHNSON,  
Manager,  
Western Union Telegraph Company,  
21 West Flagler Street,  
Miami, Florida.

NOTE: By referring to the signed statement furnished by Duke Randall at Miami, Florida, January 26, 1935, it will be seen that he proceeded to Etowah, Tennessee, where he arranged with Harry Cook so that Adams' name would not be mentioned in connection with the license plates which were purchased for T. C. Blackburn. Examination of the records of the Western Union Telegraph Company has disclosed that Duke Randall, while in Atlanta, Georgia, before returning to Miami, Florida, forwarded the following telegram to Joe Adams:

\*(Received at Miami, Flo) 4:34 AM JAN 1 1935

JOE H ADAMS  
PENTHOUSE FLORIDA NAT BANK BLDG MIAMI FLO

HAD TROUGH BREAKS ALL THE WAY THROUGH BUT MADE  
IT OK MET HARRY AND EVERYTHING IS FINE  
LEAVING ON 6 OCLOCK PLANE WILL ARRIVE 1205  
IN MIAMI WILL MEET YOU IN HOTEL WHEN I GET IN

DUKE

It is to be noted that the original of this telegram has been destroyed, as will be seen under the testimony of H. W. Hendrix.

The witness R. E. Johnson will produce a copy of the above quoted message. This copy is what is known by the telegraph company

as a "water" copy and is on tissue paper, being made at the time of the receipt of the incoming message by taking an impression of the ink in the message to be delivered to the addressee. It is, accordingly, an official record of the telegraph company.

It is suggested that if a subpoena is issued for the production of this copy, the subpoena be directed to this witness to produce the original telegram received from Atlanta or an exact copy thereof.

(See report of Special Agent S. K. McKee,  
Jacksonville, Florida, May 23, 1935,  
page 72.)



M. E. HENDRIX,  
Superintendent,  
Western Union Telegraph Company,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

This witness will testify that the original of the following telegram has been destroyed in keeping with the policy of the Western Union Telegraph Company to destroy all telegrams after the same have been retained for a period of twelve months:

"(Received at Miami, Fla) 4:34 AM JAN 1 1935

JOE H ADAMS  
PENTHOUSE FLORIDA NAT BANK BLDG MIAMI FLA

HAD TROUGH BREAKS ALL THE WAY THROUGH BUT  
MADE IT OK MET HARRY AND EVERYTHING IS FINE  
LEAVING ON 6 OCLOCK PLANE WILL ARRIVE 1205  
IN MIAMI WILL MEET YOU IN HOTEL WHEN I GET IN

BUKE

*M. E. Hendrix made a copy of this wire and  
same is in file at Miami. The  
company may have a water copy.  
Not of H. E. Johnson can produce a water  
copy.*

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See Report of E. K. McKee - JAX - 5-23-35 - p 72

*Supervisor  
Miami 4-22-57*

L. T. WILLIAMS,  
Office Manager and Revenue Accountant,  
Postal Telegraph Company,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will testify that the original of the telegram quoted below has been destroyed in keeping with the practices of the Postal Telegraph Company to destroy messages after a twelve months' period. The message is quoted as follows;

"JK 8 - MIAMI FLO DEC 31 1934 1239P

DUKE RANDALL  
JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT PAY

USE OWN JUDGMENT THE QUICKEST WAY

JOE 1258P"

*We have this  
telegram*

NOTE: The copy of this telegram which was delivered by the Postal Telegraph Company to Duke Randall was recovered by Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson in the room occupied by Randall in the Tamiami Hotel, as will be seen under the testimony of Agent Hanson, seen elsewhere in this report.

The copy of this telegram is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See reports of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 73 and April 23, 1935, page 15. See also report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Florida, March 30, 1936, page 14).

R. D. BROWN,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
722 Midland Savings Building,  
Denver, Colorado.

This witness will state that on January 16, 1935, he, together with other Agents, conducted an inspection of the home occupied by Fred Barker and Kate Barker; that he personally found therein an envelope of the El Comodoro Hotel which contained a business card of that Hotel bearing the name of Joe H. Adams, Manager; also three statements, one dated October 27, 1934, indicating that Room #1004 had been occupied by Mrs. G. E. Ryan from October 20, 1934, to October 27, 1934, cost \$21.00 with charge for railroad ticket amounting to \$35.00, the total bill being \$56.00 which was paid October 27, 1934, being receipted by G. Fahrion. The second statement, dated October 17, 1934, was issued to Messrs. Summers and Blackburn, Room #1005, from October 2, 1934, to October 27, 1934, at a cost of \$150.00, the statement also containing a charge of \$7.88 for laundry, \$1.05 for telegraph and \$1.00 for valet service, the total amount being \$159.93. The third statement dated December 1, 1934, was issued to G. Summers and wife, indicating they occupied Room #005 from November 25, 1934, to December 2, 1934, at a cost of \$42.00, and that they were charged for telephone calls in the amount of \$2.25, the total bill being \$44.25. The envelope in which these statements were contained bears on the outside of it a notation as follows;

Messrs. Blackburn & Summers -	\$159.93
Mrs. G. E. Ryan -	56.00
	<u>\$215.93</u>

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<u>284.07</u>

The witness will also be able to present a plain envelope postmarked at Miami, Florida, November 24, 1934, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, Oklawaha, Florida, containing a letter dated November 23, 1934, written by W. M. Johnson, 135 N. W. Ninth Street, Miami, Florida, in which letter the writer thanked the Blackburns for their courtesies shown him while he was at their home, requesting

R.D. Brown.

Can also testify to having found in the top dresser drawer in the Barker home at Oklawaha, Fla, on Jan 16, 1935, a note written in the handwriting of Joe Adams, and directed to Kate Barker in the name of Mrs. C.E. Ryan, containing the following message;

" I do hope you will enjoy this little bunch of flowers.

Is there anything we can do for you ?

Mr. Adams."

This note is being examined in the Laboratory for comparison with the handwriting of Joe Adams.

that he be remembered to Mr. Summers, mentioning further that Mr. Adams had been away and had been ill, for which reason he had not sent the papers.

NOTE: Reference should be made to the testimony expected of William Milton Johnson seen elsewhere in this report, it being noted that this party was employed by Kate and Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, during November 1934, and who has also been employed by Joe Adams as a bell boy at the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami. He will identify this letter.

For the above information, see the report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, pages 9 and 10.

The witness will also testify that on January 16, 1935, while examining the home occupied by Kate and Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, he found therein a letter, the dated portion of which had been torn off at the time of its recovery, written in longhand, directed to Joe Adams and signed by Mr. Wagner. The letter is quoted herewith as follows:

"Dear Mr. Adams,

I received your cablegram last night and was very glad to hear from you. If that party and Willie intend to come over here on the boat Friday, or whenever they are coming, wire Mr. Heller the day they leave and I will go down to the pier and meet them, with Mr. Heller, who will take care of everything so they will not be detained by the Customs. Tell each of them to bring a couple of cartons of cigarettes and all such things as hair tonics, razor blades, etc. that they may need while here as the prices on such things are impossible.

If that party is not coming over here some time this week, tell Willie to come and I will pay his expenses.



"The weather has been fairly nice lately and no bombings or anything of that sort. We listened to the Miami news reports and they greatly exaggerated the trouble here.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Sincerely,

Mr. Wagner."

The original of this letter has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

NOTE: By referring to the testimony expected of Dolores Delaney, it will be seen that she had admitted having written this letter at the specific request and upon the dictation of Alvin Karpis. She will likewise be able to introduce and identify the original of this letter. Reference should also be made to the testimony of John L. Madala seen elsewhere in this report.

The above information is found in the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 6, 1936, page 49.

This witness will testify that he personally found in said home on said date a telegram found in an envelope, bearing the address of T. C. Blackburn, c/o Carson Bradford, Oklawaha, Florida, reading as follows:

"SUN EX 8  
MIAMI FLO 845 P Dec 29 1934  
T C BLACKBURN  
CARE CARSON BRADFORD OKLAHAWA FLO  
LIKE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY  
CASH  
4000"

**NOTE:** It is to be noted that when Adams testified in behalf of the Government during the trial of Cassius McDonald and others at St. Paul, Minnesota, during January, 1936, he stated under oath that he personally wrote the contents of this telegram and arranged for the same to be sent to Blackburn at the solicitation of Cassius McDonald.

The original of this telegram, as well as the copy which was received by T. C. Blackburn, is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow. It is to be noted that the original can be introduced by Mr. R. E. Johnson, Manager, Western Union Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, whose testimony in this respect will be seen elsewhere in this report. Agent Brown will be able to introduce the copy which was received by Blackburn and which Agent Brown recovered at the Blackburn home.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 8.)

This witness will further testify that at about noon-time on January 16, 1935, while he was examining the contents of the home occupied by Kate Barker and Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, he found in the top drawer of a dresser in a room which obviously had been occupied by Kate Barker a small business card and envelope of Joseph H. Adams, which envelope was written in long-hand and directed to Mrs. C. E. Ryan, while on the back of the business card was written the following message:

"I do hope you will enjoy this little bunch of flowers.

Is there anything we can do for you?

Mr. Adams."

It is to be noted that this item was introduced during the course of the second Bremer trial in St. Paul, Minnesota and constituted Government's Exhibit No. 109. This note and envelope have been examined by laboratory technicians of the Technical Laboratory and it has been determined that the message is in the handwriting of Joseph H. Adams.

J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
617 Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

This witness will advise that during January, 1935, he conducted certain investigation in Florida; that he interviewed Joseph H. Adams, the latter advising that he had in his possession a \$1,000.00 bill which had been delivered to him, together with other moneys, by Alvin Karpis, during the fall of 1934, for safekeeping; that on January 26, 1935, the said \$1,000.00 bill was delivered by Joseph H. Adams to this witness; that the witness made a notation of the serial number found thereon, which is as follows: F 00017095 A, Series of 1928 6-8.

The witness will state that on January 26, 1935, he personally deposited the said bill in a safety deposit box at the Alcazar Hotel in Miami, Florida, where the said bill remained until February 4, 1935, at which time he personally delivered the said bill to Mr. W. Sanders Grambling, Assistant United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, who, in turn, delivered the same to Mr. Palmer Roesmond, Chief Deputy Clerk, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, Miami, Florida, in whose possession the bill is presently impounded.

PALMER ROESMOND,  
Chief Deputy Clerk,  
United States District Court,  
Southern District of Florida,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will be able to produce, upon the service of a subpoena duces tecum, a \$1,000.00 bill, Serial No. F 00017095 A, Series of 1928 6-Q. This bill has been impounded in his possession for use in any future trial in this case.

NOTE: It is to be noted that this is the \$1,000.00 bill which was delivered to Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson by Joe Adams, which had previously been given to Joe Adams by Alvin Karpis, during the fall of 1934, for safe-keeping. This is also the \$1,000.00 bill which Joe Adams tendered to Carson Bradford in payment of damages to the Bradford home as a result of the shooting occurring there on January 16, 1935, which bill was declined by Bradford.



NATHANIEL H. HELLER,  
Park View Hotel,  
Havana, Cuba.

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Note that the cablegrams which were sent by Heller to Adams were undoubtedly charged to Karpis' room, as is indicated on one of the carbon copies of these cablegrams.

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Heller advised that he was born October 25, 1891 in New York City; that he first entered Cuba in January of 1915; that he became interested in the Park View Hotel in 1930 and that he is presently Manager and Coproprietor of the Park View Hotel; that on September 21, 1934 a man and a woman (Karpis and Dolores Delaney) registered at his hotel under the name of E. H. Wagner and wife and brought with them a calling card from Joe Adams, Manager of the Hotel El Comodoro, Miami, Florida, on the back of which card was written - "This man is all right" or words to that effect. Heller has identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being E. H. WAGNER and a photograph of Kate Barker as being a Mrs. Ryan, who was a guest at the Park View Hotel and who later visited the Wagners at Varadero Beach. He has also identified the photograph of Dolores Delaney as being identical with Mrs. E. H. Wagner. Heller advised that Wagner (Karpis) stated his health was bad and he wanted to obtain a place on a beach somewhere; that Heller suggested Varadero Beach and advised Wagner to get in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Bermudes who operated the Playa Azul Hotel at Varadero. Heller stated that Wagner asked that he be allowed to place an envelope containing money in the hotel safe; that he, Heller, looked in the envelope and saw eleven \$1,000 bills which he placed in the safe. At this point Heller admitted that it was most unusual for a tourist guest to have such a large amount of money in \$1,000 bills.

Heller stated that about four days after the arrival of the Wagners and after the Wagners had rented a home at Varadero Beach, Wagner came to him, Heller, requesting Heller to accompany Mrs. Wagner to a Ford dealer to purchase a car for him, Wagner. Heller admitted that he complied with this request, receiving a commission of \$50.00 from the dealer and that Mrs. Wagner paid for this car in bills of large denomination.

At first Heller staunchly denied that he had ever rented a safety deposit box for Wagner, advising that he had his own safety deposit box in the Royal Bank of Canada, Havana Branch. He later admitted, however, renting a safety deposit box during September of 1934 in his own name, but for the sole use of subject Karpis alias Wagner.

Heller also admitted that a short time after Wagner had moved to Varadero Beach, Wagner asked him, Heller, to recommend a place where he, Wagner, could purchase a motor for his boat; that Heller took Wagner to The Bassalo Sporting Goods House on Obispo Street, where a motor was purchased by Wagner for \$175.00, same being a Johnson Seahorse. Heller also admitted that he had purchased a radio for Wagner. Heller further admitted that he had carried on several long distance telephone conversations with Wagner from Havana, Cuba to Varadero Beach. He advised that several letters were received for Wagner at the Park View Hotel. He also stated that Wagner received and sent three or four cablegrams while at the Park View Hotel; that when the cablegrams would arrive for Wagner, he, Heller, would telephone the information to Wagner at Varadero Beach. He further stated that Wagner made frequent visits to Havana and admitted that he, Heller, would order Wagner's groceries for him, in order that Wagner might take them back to Varadero with him. At this point Heller was questioned as to whether this was a usual custom with him, to go to such great inconveniences for a guest, to which he replied that he would have done the same for any guest.

Heller further admitted that after Wagner had departed from Varadero Beach he personally went to the Wagner home and secured certain property for them, stating that when Mr. and Mrs. Wagner left Havana they left with him their Ford sedan and told him to keep it until they returned, giving him permission to use same. He stated that shortly after the Wagners left Havana, he received a letter from Mrs. Wagner written on Hotel El Comodoro stationery, requesting him to close the house at Varadero Beach and to remove their effects to the Park View Hotel and to hold them until they returned to Havana; that in reply to this request he drove, using the Wagner's Ford sedan, to Varadero Beach; stored the said property in the Park View Hotel, which property he advised consisted of the motor to the boat, a radio and a small

suitcase containing wearing apparel.

(It should be noted that when the Cuban authorities seized the car of E. M. Wagner (Karpis) in Havana, Cuba, the car was found to bear 1935 Cuban license plates AN 755).

During the interview with Special Agents Brown and McKee, Heller admitted that he had personally purchased the new license plates. In this connection he stated that he had purchased said license on January 22, 1935 and that this purchase had been made after he had read a newspaper article concerning the gun battle in Atlantic City; further, that the license was purchased on his own initiative and without any request from Karpis or his wife. He was asked why he had purchased the new license and he replied that he wanted the car to be ready for operation in the event either Karpis or his wife returned to Havana, Cuba. He was asked if he would have turned the car over to either Mr. or Mrs. Wagner in the event they called for same and he replied that he would have done so if they had paid the storage charges. Heller was asked if he would have notified the police in the event Karpis called for this car and he said that he would not, informing in this connection that he was not a policeman. Heller was then asked if this was his idea of American citizenship, after knowing that Karpis was being sought by every law enforcement agency in the United States and that he was badly wanted and Heller stated that he did not care about that.

(In connection with the purchase of the 1935 Cuban license by Heller, attention is invited to the fact that Dolores Delaney (Mrs. E. M. Wagner) was in custody in Atlantic City, New Jersey at the time this license was secured, while subject Karpis was still a fugitive. The gun battle at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in which Karpis and Campbell escaped and as a result of which Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette were captured, occurred during the early morning hours of January 20, 1935).

Heller also informed that on one occasion he introduced Karpis' wife to a Doctor Agramonte, who happens to be the hotel physician at the Park View Hotel and that this doctor was consulted on several occasions by her because of her pregnant condition. Heller advised that Karpis and his wife took by far the greater percentage of their meals in their hotel room on all occasions while they were guests at the Park View Hotel. He stated that their meals were brought to them and was unable to explain the reason for this, but did advise that he did not know of any other guests who had followed this procedure.

Heller advised that he did not have knowledge of Karpis' identity and stated that he did not know the identity of this man until the newspaper publicity following the Atlantic City affray on January 20, 1935. He also stated that he was ignorant of the reason for the sudden departure of Mr. and Mrs. Wagner; that he did not know the nature of Karpis' business or the reason of his visit to Cuba, but did admit that Karpis told him he, Karpis, was a bootlegger and that Heller believed Karpis was "hot", but that he did not know the reason why Karpis was "hot".

Heller advised that he did not know how Mrs. Wagner left Havana when she departed so suddenly early in December of 1934, but that Karpis traveled to Miami, Florida via P. & O. Steamship to Key West, Florida, thence to Miami by train. Heller stated that he happened to go to Miami on the same boat, but that he did not make the trip with Karpis.

(In this connection, attention is directed to the records of the Steamship Company disclosed in this report showing that Karpis and Heller traveled on the same boat having the same destination on December 5, 1934. The steamship records also show that Dolores Delaney (Wagner) proceeded to Florida from Havana, Cuba on December 4, 1934).

Heller was questioned with particular regard to three cablegrams which were addressed to Joe Adams, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida and signed by Heller. Heller denied that he had sent any cablegrams to Adams but stated that on several occasions Karpis, alias Wagner, came to him with a message addressed to Adams and requested that he cable the same. Heller explained his name being signed to these messages by saying that Karpis advised he had several friends at the El Comodoro Hotel who were "broke" and that if they knew where he was then located, they would try to borrow money from him.

(Attention is also directed to one cablegram which was sent to Heller by Joe Adams. Heller could not account for Adams having addressed a cablegram to him and Heller was asked how Adams would understand that the cablegrams signed "Heller" were from Wagner and not Heller and he was totally unable to explain this).

Heller was questioned concerning the identity of the persons referred to in the cablegrams by the names of Ryan and Willie and he stated that after the arrival of Kate Barker at the hotel he realized she was the person referred to as Ryan. He stated that he at no time was aware of the identity of the party Willie.

Heller advised that he was absent from the hotel when Kate Barker, as Mary Ryan, registered at the Park View Hotel in Havana,



Cuba; that upon his return to the hotel he found she had left a message for him to the effect that she wanted to see him. He stated he did not know she was coming to the hotel and said that upon his return following her arrival, one of the bellboys told him that a woman had been inquiring for the young married couple who were living in the country. He stated that he went to the room of Mary Ryan, as she had requested, and she asked that she be put in touch with the young couple whose name, according to Heller, she did not know.

(See report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 25, 1935, page 41 et seq)

This witness will be able to produce the books and records of the Park View Hotel, disclosing the following registration record of Kate Barker, who used the name Mary Ryan, and Alvin Karpis, who used the alias E. H. Wagner:

Kate Barker - October 25, 1934 - Room 404,  
Account number 9858, checked out same day.

Alvin Karpis - September 21, 1934 - Room 408,  
Account number 9753, departed September 26, 1934. (This covered room for Karpis and wife).

Alvin Karpis - October 18, 1934 - Room 508,  
Account number 9815, departed October 20, 1934.

Alvin Karpis - October 30, 1934 - Room 408,  
Account number 9849, departed October 31, 1934.

Alvin Karpis - November 2, 1934 - Room 408,  
Account number 9858, remained until the following day.

Alvin Karpis - November 12, 1934 - Room 508,  
Account number 9884, checked out November 15, 1934.

Alvin Karpis - November 18, 1934 - Room 408,  
Account number 9898, checked out November 19, 1934.

Alvin Karpis - November 26, 1934 - Room 412,  
Account number 9919, checked out November 27, 1934.

Alvin Karpis - December 2, 1934 - Room 408,  
Account number 9945, checked out same day.

(See report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Jacksonville,  
Florida, dated February 25, 1935, pages 49 and 50)

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GEORGE H. HARRIS,  
Winter Garden Bar,  
22 Zuluetta Street,  
Havana, Cuba.

This witness will advise that when Wagner, whom he has identified as Karpis, came into his bar during the latter part of September 1934 and introduced himself in the name of Wagner, at which time Karpis produced a business card of Joe Adams, of the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Florida, on which was written "A friend of mine, take care of him". Harris will state that he had known Adams for some years and understood from the message that Wagner was a stranger in Havana and merely wanted to be introduced to someone.

In connection with Karpis staying at the Park View Hotel, Harris will state that shortly after Karpis came to his place of business with the card of Joe Adams he, Harris, ran into Nathaniel Heller, Manager of the Park View Hotel, and during a conversation learned that Heller had also received a card from Adams on behalf of Karpis.

(See report of Special Agent R. D. Brown,  
Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 25,  
1935, pages 14 and 15)

This witness will state that while Karpis resided at the Park View Hotel he spent considerable time at the bar of this witness; that after Karpis moved to Varadero Beach he made numerous trips back to Havana for the purpose of purchasing groceries and other household articles and to attend the movies; that on a number of occasions Karpis invited Harris and his wife to Varadero Beach for the week end; that these invitations were consistently declined for no particular reason until the latter part of October, 1934, when Karpis drove into Havana in his Ford V-8 coach, picked up Mr. and Mrs. Harris and returned to Varadero Beach, where a woman known to George Harris as Mrs. Wagner was waiting. This witness will state that he and his wife remained with Karpis and his wife, Dolores Delaney, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, returning to Havana sometime during Monday.

(See report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at  
Jacksonville, Florida, May 23, 1935, pages 47 and 48)

ARTHUR SANDERCOCK,  
Auditor and Bookkeeper,  
El Comodoro Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will state that he was Auditor and Bookkeeper of the El Comodoro Hotel during September, October, November and December of 1934 and January of 1935; that while he was a bookkeeper and auditor he did some of the work of the clerks when they are away from the desk. This witness will be able to identify photographs of Harry Campbell, who was registered at the hotel as Summers, Dolores Delaney, whom he knew at the hotel as Mrs. Wagner, Kate Barker, whom he knew as Mrs. Ryan. He will state that he recalls he changed \$50.00 bills on several occasions for Campbell; that he wondered what business Campbell was engaged in and he recalled that on one occasion Mr. L. E. Gray, a Clerk in the hotel, also asked him this question, at which time Gray mentioned that Campbell always seemed to have plenty of money.

He will state that with reference to the envelope which had been left with him for safekeeping, this was the property of Karpis and was given to him by Joe Adams; that he gave Adams a claim check for this envelope and he recalled that the name "Green" was written on the envelope; that the envelope was given to him by Adams to be placed in a section of the vault devoted to the safekeeping of articles for the employees of the hotel. He will state that he recalls that about the time of the shooting at Oklawaha, he gave the envelope to Adams, who asked him for it; that he did not see Duke Randall around the hotel on this particular occasion when Adams called for the envelope. He will state that he also recalls he gave this envelope to Adams on a number of occasions prior to this time, after which Adams always returned the envelope to him, at which time he would make out a new envelope, giving Adams a receipt for it, but on the particular occasion (he is referring to the occasion on January 17, 1935 when Randall requested \$1200.00 of Adams and received one \$1,000 bill) he recalls that Adams did not return the envelope to him.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson,  
dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 25, 1935,  
pages 38 and 39)

ARTHUR SANDERCOCK,  
Auditor and Bookkeeper,  
El Comodoro Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will state that he was Auditor and Bookkeeper of the El Comodoro Hotel during September, October, November and December of 1934 and January of 1935; that while

Hanson's notes show that money envelopes of the El Comodoro hotel were kept in two places - one for the guests, and one for employees -- and that the Karpis envelope was kept in the employees section - kept there for 6 or 7 weeks before January 17, 1935. Sandercock stated that this is the only envelope which Adams ever gave him to handle in this manner.

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(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson,  
dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 23, 1935,  
pages 38 and 39)



MERLE H. ROLFE,  
Rolfe Armored Car Service,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will advise that he employed Duke Randall as a guard at the Biscayne Kennel Club, the arrangement for the employment having been made by Joe Adams, who refunded to Rolfe the weekly salary of \$25.00 paid Randall; that about 1:00 P.M., Friday, January 18, 1935, Randall came to Rolfe's office, bringing along an automatic rifle; that at this time Randall explained it was one of three in Miami and offered to sell it to Rolfe for \$150.00. This gun was delivered by Rolfe to Special Agent R. L. Tollett, who has appropriately marked the same for identification. This gun is now in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami, Florida.

F. B. I.

NOTE: It is to be noted that the serial numbers on this gun had been chiseled off, but that scientific inspection of the same was made by the Technical Laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C., which disclosed that the gun is described as a Browning automatic rifle, U.S. Cal. .30, Model 1918, manufactured by the Winchester Firearms Company, the gun bearing serial No. 211549. This gun is also commonly referred to as a Browning light machine gun.

Reference should be made to the signed statements submitted by Joe Adams and Duke Randall, in which Adams explains the circumstances under which he obtained this gun from Willie Harrison and in which Randall explains the circumstances under which he obtained this gun from Joe Adams.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, pages 75 and 76)

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE J. H. MANSON,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
617 Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

This witness will advise that during January and February 1935 he was engaged in the investigation of this matter in Miami, Florida, and vicinity; that on January 21, 1935, he, together with other Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, effected the apprehension of Henry "Duke" Randall in the latter's room #517 at the Taziani Hotel, Miami, Florida, and that with Randall's consent he personally examined Randall's room and found therein four letters and one postcard which were directed to Duke Randall by Joe Adams over the period of May 18, to December 26, 1934.

NOTE: These letters are of a personal nature and are not being set out in this report, but they have been obtained and they are available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow. They indicate, however, a close relationship between Randall and Adams.

He also found therein a receipt of the Sutton Jewelry Company, dated December 22, 1934, indicating that there had been sold to Joe Adams two bar pins at a cost of \$260.00.

NOTE: In this connection reference to the signed statement of Joe Adams and the signed statement of Duke Randall will show that Randall at the request of Joe Adams served as an errand boy in obtaining several samples of jewelry from the Sutton Jewelry Company on December 22, 1934, from which selection Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis purchased Christmas gifts.

Agent Hanson will be able to introduce this receipt and the same can also be identified by D. B. Sutton of the Sutton Jewelry Company, 132 East Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, whose testimony will be seen elsewhere in this report.

This witness will also advise that he found in Duke Randall's room a receipt of the Ungar Buick Company, 1201 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, No. 4356, dated December 22, 1934, indicating that there had been sold to Leroy Morrison, 1201 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, by Bishop, one model 1935-48 Buick Coupe, indicating that the car cost \$1080, and that a bill was also made for license plates at a cost of \$16.50, total charge \$1096.50, which was paid by cash on delivery.

This receipt has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

This witness will also advise that he found in Randall's room a 1935 Florida automobile registration card indicating that Florida tag No. 38656 had been issued to Duke Randall of the El Comodoro Hotel on January 14, 1935, for a Ford <sup>Coupe</sup> bearing motor No. 18-1037480, the title certificate number being 950613-A.

This registration card has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

This witness will also introduce and identify a card of Miller V. Bishop of the Ungar Buick Company which he found in the room occupied by Randall.

This card has now been obtained and is available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge  
J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida,  
February 20, 1935, pages 44 and 45)

This witness will also advise that at the time of inspecting Duke Randall's room he found therein the following item, which he will be able to introduce and identify;

A Western Union telegram which reads as follows -

\*JES 6-MIAMI FLO DEC 31 1934 1259P

DUKE RANDALL  
JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT FLA

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JOE, 1258P

NOTE: By referring to the signed statement furnished by Duke Randall to Agent P. C. Dunne at Miami, Florida, January 26, 1935, it will be noted that the above quoted telegram was sent to Duke Randall by Joe Adams in response to a telegram which Randall had sent to Adams, requesting advice. It will be noted that Joe Adams has admitted having sent this telegram.

The above telegram is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

The witness will be able to introduce and identify the following item which he likewise found in Randall's room:

A memorandum written in ink on the stationery of the Dinkler Hotels, Atlanta, Georgia, indicating the expenses incurred by Duke Randall on the trip that he made for Joe Adams to Etowah, Tennessee, which reads as follows -

Plane fare	\$ 66.00
Cab fare	3.00
Hotel	3.50
Food	3.00
Barry	50.00
Hired car	35.00
Driver	10.00
Plane from Tex.	40.00
	<u>\$213.30</u>
Received refund	\$ 18.00
	<u>213.30</u>
	<u>18.00</u>
	<u>\$195.30 Total Expense</u>

NOTE: Duke Randall admitted orally to Agent Hanson that the above mentioned statement is one that he made up covering expenses incurred by him on the trip for Joe Adams. Joe Adams has advised that this statement undoubtedly pertains to the trip that Randall made for him.

The above memorandum is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Harlow.

The witness will be able to introduce also a passenger's coupon No. 3021, issued by the Eastern Air Lines, Inc., indicating that a round-trip ticket had been sold at Miami, Florida, covering passage from Miami, Florida, to Atlanta, Georgia, and return, the ticket being stamped at Miami, Florida, on December 26, 1934, and at Atlanta, Georgia, on January 1, 1935. This passenger's coupon was likewise obtained by Agent Hanson in Randall's room at the time of his arrest.



NOTE: Randall advised Agent Hanson that this is the ticket that he used in making the trip from Miami, Florida, to Atlanta, Georgia, en route to Etowah, Tennessee.

This passenger's coupon is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. R. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, pages 73 and 74.)

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On P. 125 Randall states that during the first part of Nov he talked to Adams about getting transportation to the Dog Tracks; that "Codymo" was with him during this interview; that Adams told Randall that Bronson had a Ford Coupe which he could buy for \$ 300.00, and that he would see Bronson about it. Fred Barker was sitting in Adams' office with Adams on this occasion. Randall points out that on this occasion he was accompanied by CODYMO.

CODDWO should be interviewed with reference to this and as to any admission made to him by Randall.

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GREGORY I. CODOMO,  
Care of Leonard Codomo, brother,  
878 Central Avenue,  
Newark, New Jersey.

*Codomo title for  
Randall reached  
Miami on Nov. 9,  
1934*

This witness can testify that he is personally acquainted with Henry "Duke" Randall, having roomed with him at the Tuxedo Hotel, Miami, Florida, during the fall and winter of 1934. The witness will be able to introduce and identify the following papers and will state that the said papers were given to him by Randall for safekeeping, which papers he voluntarily surrendered to former Special Agent R. L. Jones on or about January 22, 1935:

Florida Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title  
No. 952564, application No. 370964, dated  
at Tallahassee, Florida December 7, 1934  
for a Ford four door sedan bearing motor  
No. 18-1190702, Model 40, 8 cyls., issued  
to G. F. Summers, Box 758, Gainesville,  
Florida, the title indicating that there  
were no liens of any kind against this car.

NOTE: As will be seen in Duke Randall's signed statement, this is one of the title papers given to him by Wynona Burdette during the early morning hours of January 17, 1935, when the said car was delivered to Randall and at which time Wynona Burdette, Dolores Delaney, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were preparing for flight to Atlantic City, New Jersey.

This document has now been obtained and is available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

*Examination of  
title made  
May 11, 1937  
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This witness will also be able to introduce and identify 1935 Florida registration card issued to G. F. Summers, Box 758, Gainesville, Florida, on January 14, 1935, reflecting that Florida tag No. 59195 had been issued for a Ford four door sedan

bearing motor No. 18-119072, Title Certificate No. 952564, 1934 tag being No. 204-892.

NOTE: This registration card has now been obtained and is available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow. It should be noted that this is likewise one of the papers which was given to Duke Randall by Wynona Burdette when she delivered the above car to him during the early morning hours of January 17, 1935, when she and her associates were in flight to Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The witness will also introduce and identify a receipt issued by Shaw and Keester Motor Company, Incorporated, Ford dealers at Gainesville, Florida, dated November 16, 1934, indicating that a 1934 Ford V-8 sedan, motor No. 18-1190702, had been sold to G. F. Summers at a cost of \$729.00, less trade-in allowance on a Ford coupe, motor No. 18-1194248, which was in a wrecked condition, and for which an allowance of \$294.50 had been made.

NOTE: This receipt has now been obtained and is available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

This witness can also testify that he received from Duke Randall a Ford V-8 sedan, motor No. 18-1190702 which he retained at the Bovey Club, and which car he delivered to former Special Agent R. L. Jones on January 22, 1935.

NOTE: This is the car which was turned over to Duke Randall by Wynona Burdette on the morning of January 17, 1935 when she was in flight to Atlantic City, New Jersey, which car was the property of Harry Campbell.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, pages 71 and 72)



Original notes of Agent Jones are in the  
files in the Jacksonville office.

These notes were made  
by Jones & checked by  
Nichols. Also checked vs  
the title pages by Jones & Nichols.



R. L. JONES,  
Former Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.  
Now Chief of Police,  
Dallas, Texas.

This witness will advise that on January 22, 1935, he recovered from Gregory I. Codomo at the Bowery Club, 37 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, a Ford sedan, Motor No. 18-1190702.

NOTE: It is to be noted that this is the car which was originally purchased by Harry Campbell, under the name of G. F. Summers, at Gainesville, Florida, and which was turned over to Duke Randall by Wynona Burdette, during the early morning hours of January 17, 1935, and which was later turned over to Codomo for safekeeping by Duke Randall..

This witness will also advise that at the time of the recovery of this car, Codomo furnished to him freely and voluntarily the following items:

State of Florida Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title No. 952564, Application No. 370964, dated at Tallahassee, Florida, December 7, 1934, for a Ford fordor sedan, bearing Engine No. 18-1190702, Model 40, 8 cyla., issued to G. F. Summers, Box 738, Gainesville, Florida.

NOTE: It is to be noted that this paper was turned over to Duke Randall by Wynona Burdette on January 17, 1935.

The witness will state that he also obtained from Codomo a 1935 Florida Registration Card issued to G. F. Summers, Box 738, Gainesville, Florida, on January 14, 1935, reflecting that Florida tag No. 39195 had been issued for a Ford fordor sedan bearing Motor No. 18-1190702, Title Certificate No. 952564, the 1934 tag being No. 204-692,

NOTE: This also is a paper which was delivered to Randall by Wynona Burdette on January 17, 1935.

The witness will also state that he obtained from Codomo a receipt issued by Shaw & Keeter Motor Company, Incorporated, Ford Dealers at Gainesville, Florida, dated November 16, 1934, indicating that a 1934 Ford V-8 sedan, Motor No. 18-1190702, had been sold to G. F. Summers at a cost of \$729.00, less a trade-in allowance on a Ford coupe, Motor No. 18-1194246, which was in a wrecked condition and for which an allowance of \$294.50 had been made.

NOTE: As is shown under the testimony of Gregory I. Codomo, he will be able to state that he was given the above named items by Duke Randall for safekeeping.

The above mentioned Florida Certificate of Title and Florida Registration Card have now been obtained and are available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, pages 72 and 73.)

*Silvers*  
H. L. SILVERS,  
Owner,  
Tamiami Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

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3-13-35

This witness will state that Duke Randall, who had been a guest of the hotel occupying Room 517 in company with Gregory I. Codomo, on the morning of January 17, 1935 sometime after 12:00 or 1:00 o'clock during the early morning hours of that date, brought two women to the hotel, taking them to his room, after which he returned to the lobby, stating that the women were his sister and sister-in-law. This witness will state that these women left the hotel in a cab about 9:30 A.M. on January 17, 1935. This witness has identified the photograph of Wynona Burdette as one of the women accompanying Randall and will advise further that the other woman was in a pregnant condition.

*Duke Randall Silvers  
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for the owner.*

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. M.  
Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida,  
February 20, 1935, page 74)

ARNOLD HUTCHISON,  
Colored bell boy,  
Tamiami Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will advise that during January of 1935 he was employed as a bell boy at the Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida; that he recalls Randall came to the hotel early on the morning of January 17, 1935 accompanied by two women, one of whom he identified from a photograph as being Wynona Burdette; that these women had three bags in their possession and that he handled these bags personally.

142- N.W. 6th St  
see after 7:00 pm  
at Tamiami Hotel

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. E.  
Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935,  
page 74)

*Randall let alone 717  
to me  
Body buried for some*

A. R. MARSEMAN,  
Clerk,  
Tamiami Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

*now night clerk  
Flagler Hotel.*

This witness will state that during January of 1935 he occupied the position of Clerk at the Tamiami Hotel and will advise that on the morning of January 17, 1935, Duke Randall came to him with a \$1,000 bill, requesting him to have it changed; that he went to the Florida National Bank, where he secured twenty \$50.00 bills for the \$1,000 bill, turning this money over to Randall.

This witness did not see the women who were in Randall's room on that date.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 74)



HARRY HELLER,  
Bovary Casino,  
37 Ocean Drive,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

In connection with the statement of Duke Randall to the effect that some unknown person called him at the Bovary Casino, warning him to get out of town because of the shooting affair in Atlantic City, New Jersey, the witness Harry Heller has submitted the following signed statement:

Miami, Fla.  
January 25, 1935

I, Harry Heller, make the following statement to Special Agents R. L. Jones and L. J. Metcalf, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

I have known Duke Randall for about four years, having met him in Atlantic City, N. J. when he had his band at the Little Club.

At present I'm employed as publicity man for the Bovary Casino, 37 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach.

Last Sunday night, January 20, 1935, at about 7:30 P. M. the phone rang at the Bovary Casino just prior to the time we opened for business. The party making the call was a man and he asked if there was anyone there who could take a message for Duke Randall. I replied that I would take the message. The man making the call then said tell duke that 'Atlantic City has shot it out, received telegram beat it.' This call was made as a local call. The party, who made this call, called back twice and inquired of me whether or not I had given Randall the message. The party who made the call did not give his name but told me that Duke would know who called.

At about 11:30 Duke came to the Bovary Casino accompanied by a girl named 'Billie'. I then gave the above message to Duke. Duke received the message without appearing nervous and with a nod of his head said, 'Oh, ya.'; he later asked me who made the call and I told him that the one making the call said that he (Duke) would know who called.

*Handwritten note:*  
Duke Randall  
Atlantic City N.J.  
Saw him at his home  
with sister on  
4-29-37

*Handwritten note:*  
Ritz

"I have not known Duke Randall under any other name and have never been intimate with him.

There is a slight possibility that I might be able to recall the voice who made the call; the person who called had a rather deep voice and from the English used by this person I would say that he was a literate person.

It is my opinion that at the time I gave Duke the message that he (Duke) knew from whom the message came.

The telephone number of the Bovey Casino is 5-9272 and is listed in the telephone directory as 'Hardies' Casino'.

The above statement consisting of three pages has been read to me & is true.

Signed: - Harry H. Heller,  
Ritz Hotel

R. L. Jones, Special Agent

L. J. Metcalf  
Special Agent  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice

The original signed statement of Heller has now been obtained and is available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge  
J. M. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida,  
February 20, 1935, page 67.)

MARY GOODMAN,  
(Formerly using name of  
Mary Irene "Billie" Korean)  
Waitress - Hanna Grille,  
2123 East 14th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.  
Residence: 2065 East 81st Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

In connection with her telephone call to Atlantic City,  
New Jersey during the early morning hours of January 21, 1935,  
to determine the facts concerning the escape of Alvin Karpis and  
Harry Campbell, the witness furnished the following signed state-  
ment:

*Mary E. Goodman  
Ritz Hotel.*

"My name is Mary Irene (Billie) Korean. I am 25  
years old and live at the present time at 202  
Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, Apt. 49. My  
home is at 2034 East 81st Street, Cleveland, Ohio.  
I lived at this address with a friend Mrs. Geo.  
Yocum for the past four years. My mother's name  
is Mrs. Barbis Carron, 1444 Station St., West  
Mentor, Ohio. I am a waitress by trade and have  
part time employment at the Bowery Casino, 87  
Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. Sipers owner of the Bowery Casino introduced  
me to Duke Randall about one month ago. I have had  
several dates with him since we met.

On Sunday night Jan. 20, 1935 Duke and I stopped in  
at the Bowery. Mr. Heller cashier at the Bowery told  
Duke that he had a phone call, then Duke and Mr. Heller  
had a conversation. I did not hear what they said to  
each other.

After Duke and Mr. Heller finished talking, Duke and  
I sat down at a table with Mr. Sipers, Sipers' brother,  
Mrs. Kiman and some other people. Mrs. Kiman is the  
lady I live with at 202 Ocean Drive.

Duke asked me if I would make a phone call to Atlantic  
City, New Jersey to a Mr. Morley at the Morley Cigar

Store and ask him if any thing had happened there.

I went to a hotel near the Bowery, placed a call to Mr. Morley and asked him if any thing had happened there, that I was a friend of Duke's. Mr. Morley told me that there had been a shooting at a hotel there, the two men got away and the two women were being held by the Department of Justice. I asked him if there was any thing else happened, and he said no thats all I know of, that has happened here.

After telling Duke what Mr. Morley had said he Duke said 'Oh my God I met some people and gave them a note to a hotel in Atlantic City'. He didn't say any more about it till a paper boy came in and we saw Duke's name in the paper. Then he said it must be the people he had given the note to. This was about 3 A.M. Monday morning Jan. 21, 1935.

Duke then took me home and I have not seen him since.

I made this call at Duke Randall's request. I do not know Mr. Morley or anyone else in Atlantic City, New Jersey as I never have been there.

I do not recognise any of the pictures shown me by Special Agent R. L. Jones as being a likeness of any person I know or have seen."

Signed "Miss Billie Koren"

Witness

"R. L. Jones & L. J. Metcalf  
Special Agents  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice"

The original of this signed statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow

NOTE: By referring to the testimony expected of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, seen elsewhere in this report, it is noted that Duke Randall has admitted inducing Billie Korean to make the above-mentioned telephone call.

By further referring to the testimony expected of Samuel Morley, it will be shown that he received the call from Miss Korean and advised her that the two men had escaped and the two women had been captured.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 69)



SAMUEL E. MORLEY,  
126 South Kentucky Avenue,  
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In connection with the testimony expected from Mary Irene (Billie) Korsek with regard to her telephone call to Atlantic City, New Jersey, to determine whether Karpis and Campbell had escaped therefrom, which call was made by Miss Korsek at the solicitation of Duke Randall, the witness, Samuel E. Morley, has submitted the following signed statement:

January 22, 1935.

I, Samuel E. Morley, make the following statement to F. E. Wright and H. S. Harsenstein, knowing them both to be Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, without any threats or promises having been made to me, and knowing that the same may be used against me.

I have known Duke Randall since the summer of 1932, when he led an orchestra at the Little Club, in Atlantic City. I knew him pretty well at that time, and used to see him frequently. He was married, although I understand that he has since had some trouble with his wife, and has split up with her. He was in Atlantic City for a short time during the summer of 1934. In 1932, he and his wife stayed at the New Richmond Hotel. In 1934, he stayed at the Danmore Hotel, run by my brother, William Morley and his partner, Daniel Young. Duke was in town again about six weeks ago, working as a metal lather on the construction of the New Yorker Restaurant. He then stayed at the Danmore and was in town only for a few days.

I know that Daniel Young and his partners run a number game in Atlantic City. He was in Florida last winter, for ten weeks or thereabouts, with the idea in mind of going into the number game there. So far as I know, however, he never set up in business there because the gangs operating there might have taken it away from. Daniel Young has the reputation of being straight in Atlantic City.

Confidential Source  
of Information  
Atlantic City, N.J.  
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"I spend most of my time in William's store, but I did not see the girl who is said to have come into the store on Friday afternoon and to have given him a note. So far as I know, I never saw either the two girls nor the two men involved in the shooting on Sunday morning, January 20, 1935, during the entire time they were registered at the Danmore Hotel. If any of them had come into the store, I would probably have recognized the pictures of them that I have seen.

On Monday, January 21, 1935, at about 12:30 AM, while I was in a pinochle game in the back room of the cigar store, the phone in the booth in the store rang. I answered and the operator said, 'Morley's Cigar Store?' I said, 'Yes.' She said, 'Miami, Florida, calling, —hold the line.' I heard money drop, and then I heard a voice, apparently that of a young woman ask, 'Is this Morley's?' I answered, 'Yes.' She said, 'This is a friend of Duke's (or Dick's).' I am not sure whether she said Duke's or Dick's, and I had no chance to ask her. She then asked, 'What happened in Atlantic City this morning?' I said, 'I understand there was a little shooting match.' She asked, 'How did the boys make out?' I said, 'I believe the boys got away, but the girls were caught.' She asked, 'Where are they now?' I told her, 'I believe they are on their way to Philadelphia with the Department of Justice men.' She said, 'Unh-unh!' and hung up immediately.

I do not know of Duke Randall's being in Miami at the present time. I do, however, know that one Pete Jackson, who used to live at the New Richmond Hotel, went to Miami either during the end of November or the early part of December, 1934. Pete used to have a Penny Hearts game on the boardwalk here, and now runs a Penny Hearts game in Miami. About the first of January, 1935, Pete's wife, who is still in Atlantic City came into the cigar store and told me that Pete had wired to Daniel Young, trying to get him interested in opening up a numbers game in Miami. Daniel was sick at the time, and when I next saw him, he told me he had paid no attention to Pete's wire. Pete is almost 60 years old, is 6' or more tall, weighs about 180-190 lbs, and appears rather thin. He has grey hair.

I reside at the Kentucky Hotel, #126 So. Kentucky Ave., Atlantic City, N. J. I am by trade a contractor's mechanic. At present, there is no work in that line, and I work in my brother's cigar store. I have no interest in the business itself. I am single.

"I have read the above statement, consisting of two pages, and it is all true, so that I am signing the bottom of the first page, and also affixing my signature here below.

Samuel E. Morley  
Samuel E. Morley,  
#126 So. Kentucky Ave.,  
Atlantic City, N. J.

Witness:

E. E. Wright  
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
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The original of this signed statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of former Special Agent J. R. Sharp,  
dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
February 5, 1935.)

WILLIAM A. MORLEY,  
Dannore Hotel,  
123 South Kentucky Avenue,  
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

This witness on January 21, 1935, furnished a free and voluntary signed statement to Special Agents C. K. Fierstone and M. S. Harsenstein with respect to the registration of Dolores Delaney, Wynona Burdette, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis at the Dannore Hotel, the said statement having reference to the escape of Karpis and Campbell therefrom. He will be expected to testify in keeping with his signed statement which is quoted herewith as follows:

January 21, 1935.

I, William A. Morley, make the following statement to C. K. Fierstone and M. S. Harsenstein, knowing them both to be Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, without any threats or promises having been made to me, and knowing that it may be used against me.

I live at the Dannore Hotel, #123 So. Kentucky Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., of which I am a part owner and partner. I also own a cigar store across the street from the hotel, at #126 So. Kentucky Ave.

On last Friday, January 18, 1935, at about 3 PM, I was in the back room of my store, and was called to the front of the store by my wife. There was a woman in the store, who gave me a note, addressed to me. It was written on the stationery of the Tamiami Motel, Miami, Florida, so far as I can recall, in green ink. I do not remember any date on this. I think the message said, 'Dear Bill: Take care of my friend Mrs. Graham, and see that she gets a good doctor, and gets good care.' It was signed, 'Duke.' The girl, who was pregnant, asked whether her husband had arrived, and, when I said I did not know, remarked that he would be there soon. I asked whether she wanted the doctor right away, and she said that the morning would do.

I did not see this girl or the other again that day. Next morning, when I came down, I found a note on the desk for me from my partner, Daniel Young, who had been on the desk the day before. It said, as I recall, 'Bill: call Mr. Carson, Room #403,' and was

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"signed, 'Dan.' I surmised that the husband that the girl had been expecting had arrived, and called the room. This was about 9 AM. There was no answer. I then called Dr. Carl Surran, according to the girl's request the day before. The doctor arrived about a half hour later, and I called #403, asked for Mr. Carson, and told him the doctor was there, if he cared to talk to him. He said he would send his wife down. Soon after that, the pregnant woman came down into the lobby, and my wife and I showed her and the doctor into one of the rooms on the first floor, where we left them. The doctor stayed ten or fifteen minutes. He then left, and the woman went upstairs. Soon after, perhaps 10:30 AM, I received a call from #403, asking me to come up. When I arrived, I was offered a drink from a bottle which stood on the bureau, - which I refused. I think this was a pint bottle of G & W rye whiskey. The man whom I took to be Carson, then asked me if I knew where he could rent a house, as his wife would soon give birth. He wanted a place in a good residential section, for about \$75 per month. I called Daniel Young, who was asleep in his room, #405, and the four of us discussed the house proposition. Dan suggested that they stay at the hotel, and we would make them comfortable, and he said that he would keep the room at the hotel anyhow, in case he wanted to do a little cheating. The man whom I thought to be Carson was the taller of the two, and wore rimless glasses. I have been shown the picture of Alvin Karpis on Identification Order #1218, and identify this as the man whom I knew as Mr. Carson, although I think Carson's hair was a light brown, almost blonde.

(At this point I wish to correct something I said earlier in this statement. I said that Carson did not answer the phone when I rang him at about 9 AM. I now recall that he did answer the phone, and came down to the lobby at once. He told me that he was the husband of the woman that was pregnant, and wanted me to get a doctor for her. He also mentioned the fact that he knew Duke. The Duke we both meant, and the only man I know by that name is Duke Randall. He used to be a drummer, and played in various bands around Atlantic City for several summers. I have known him casually for several years, and he has sent me other customers, all of which seemed perfectly respectable and gave me no cause for alarm. Randall stayed at my hotel for a couple of days last summer, and again for a few days about two months ago, when he was in town, working on the New Yorker Restaurant construction job, as an ironworker or lather. When he left town the last time, he told me that he was going to Miami, Florida, to work at a dog track, - I think Biscayne.)

So far as I can recall, neither Dan nor I suggested the name of any real estate dealer in town. Carson said that he had a kennel of racing greyhounds in Miami, Florida, that business there was good,



"and that he was going to move them to California. I asked after Duke, and he said that Duke was all right, and had a good job at Miami at the dog track, and I think that he mentioned Biscayne. He looked tanned, as though he had been in the South for some time. I did not believe that he was actually the husband of the pregnant woman, but thought that he had gotten the girl into trouble, and was protecting himself and her by taking her away to have her baby. Carson asked where he could buy some clothes for himself, and I recommended the places on Arctic Ave., between Kentucky and Virginia, mentioning Slotteroff's, at Tennessee and Arctic. During the course of the conversation, the two women came in. My wife had previously told me that she had offered her coat to the pregnant woman, and I asked her whether she wanted it. She did, so I went downstairs and got it for her, bringing it upstairs and leaving it for her on the bed of #403. I was in the room for only a few minutes, and during that time, Carson did not drink, although Cameron took three or four drinks in quick succession, and mentioned that he liked that particular whiskey.

About noon that day, Carson came down to the lobby and over to the desk, where I was. At that time, William Hagis, a white man, who works for me in the cigar store, as board man for the horse game I run, came over to take my car. He wanted to go to the animal hospital on North Virginia Ave., and I suggested that he take Carson to get some clothes. He suggested the Slotteroff's store at Arctic and Virginia Aves., and I believe that he took Carson there, and that he bought some clothes there. I saw nothing more either of the men or the women that day.

I went to bed at about 2 AM, on Sunday, January 20, 1935. At about 3:30 AM, I was awakened by a phone call from Owen Roberts, the colored man who is night bell-boy. He told me to come down, as there were some detectives in the lobby. I told this to my wife, put on my robe, and went down. I suspected in my own mind whom the detectives wanted, but I had no idea that they were wanted for so serious an offense. The detectives said they wanted two men who had come from Florida. I asked them to wait until Mr. Young came in, and told them that there were some guests in the hotel that I knew nothing about, and that I did not know of anyone who had come from Florida. I stayed with the detectives a few minutes and then returned to my room. I lay down on the bed, and told my wife that the detectives wanted two men who had come from Florida, and I thought they wanted the men in #403. Neither she nor I knew what to do, as we did not

"want to create a disturbance in the hotel, and I wanted to wait until Young should return as he runs the hotel. I stayed in the room about a half hour, after which the bell-boy called me again and said that the detectives were tearing things apart in the office. I then went down again, and tried to persuade them to wait until Mr. Young should come in, and to make less noise. There were three or four detectives, two or three officers in uniform, and two radio cars outside. I stayed about fifteen minutes and returned to my room, at the suggestion of one of the detectives. I again told my wife that I did not know what to do, and we discussed the matter. At about 5:30 AM my brother-in-law, John Tuscano, the husband of my wife's sister, who occupies the adjoining room, came in and told us that when he had come into the hotel he had been grabbed and searched by the detectives. I then decided to go down again, and I dressed and did so, as he told me that the detectives had taken Owen Roberts to the police station. When I came down, Owen was not there, but two detectives and two uniformed officers were in the lobby. A few minutes later, one detective came back with Owen and said, 'Room #403.' I got then the room card for #403, and they copied the names. I asked if they wanted to go up in the elevator, and they said they would walk. At least three detectives went up, and possibly a fourth. Very soon thereafter, I heard several shots, although I do not think there were more than five. At this time, I do not know whether the uniformed policemen were in the lobby or outside. When I heard the shots, I went into the lavatory, which is behind the elevator. Immediately thereafter, I heard feet running all over the house, front and back. A few minutes later, when things were quiet, I came out. Shooting then started in the street, apparently in back and in front as well. I did not see the fugitives' car, but I did see many policemen running about and shouting. While the shooting was still going on, the two women came in. Both had coats on, but were in their bare feet, and I noticed blood on the foot of the pregnant girl. My wife had come down, and took them up in the elevator. So far as I can recall, this is all I know concerning the entire affair.

I have read the above statement, consisting of three pages, and it is all true, so that I am affixing my signature at the bottom of each page, and at the end hereof.

William A. Morley  
William A. Morley  
#123 So. Kentucky Ave.,  
Atlantic City, N. J.

"Witness:

M. S. Karsenstein  
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Room 1403, #370 Lexington Ave., N. Y. C.

C. K. Pierstone  
Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Room 1403, #370 Lexington Ave., N. Y. C."

The original of this signed statement has been obtained  
and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of former Special Agent J. R.  
Sharp, dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
February 5, 1935, page 25)

ELIZABETH MORLEY,  
Dannore Hotel,  
123 South Kentucky Avenue,  
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In connection with the registration of Dolores Delaney, Wynona Burdette, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis at the Dannore Hotel, and with respect to their residence there and the escape of Karpis and Campbell therefrom, this witness has furnished the following signed statement:

January 21, 1935.

I, Elizabeth Morley, make the following statement to E. S. Harsenstein, knowing him to be a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, voluntarily, without any threat or promise having been made to me, and knowing that the same may be used against me.

I live with my husband, William Morley, at the Dannore Hotel, #123 So. Kentucky Ave., Atlantic City, N. J. My husband is a partner and part owner of the hotel, together with a man named Daniel Young. We also have a cigar store, across the street from the hotel, at #126 So. Kentucky Ave.

On Friday, January 18, 1935, at about 2:45 PM, while I was in the cigar store, I noticed a taxi drive up in front of the hotel, and two women got out, and to into the hotel. Mr. Young was in charge of the desk at the time. About twenty minutes later one of the women came over to the store and gave my husband, who was there with me, a note. The envelope, so far as I can recall, was addressed to Bill Morley, and the note inside was written in green ink, on the stationery of some hotel, the name and location of which I do not recall. I think the note said, 'Take care of my friends, and see that they get a good doctor,' and was signed, 'Duke.' The only Duke I know is Duke Randall, who used to be a drummer in bands around Atlantic City. He stopped at the hotel for a few days, probably last June, and for a few days again, several months later. At the latter time, he was employed on a construction job in Atlantic City. I have never known Duke to be a criminal, nor to have been mixed up in any rackets.

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"I walked back across the street with the woman. She asked whether her husband had arrived yet. She was registered together with the other woman as 'Mrs. A. B. Graham and Sister,' and had been assigned to Room 200. I looked over the room cards, found no Mr. Graham, and told her so. She said that he would arrive soon. I offered to get her a doctor right away, but she said that the next day would do. She was wearing a fall coat, which was not warm enough for the weather then, and I offered to lend her my fur coat, in case she wanted to take a walk. I asked her whether she expected to give birth soon, and she said that she was not sure but thought she might give birth almost any time. I gave the matter no particular thought at the time, and did not think it queer that a woman in her condition would be travelling as she had been. I saw her later that afternoon, when she came into the store to buy some cigarettes, a New York 'Sun,' a Philadelphia 'News,' and a magazine. The other woman was with her at this time. The next day, Saturday, someone, I think my husband, called Dr. Carl Burran for her, and I saw her again when she came down into the lobby to meet the doctor, and they went into room #106 to talk. I saw her again on the afternoon of that day, while I was in the store. She came to the hotel in a cab, and got out, carrying several brown boxes, I think three, about the size of coat boxes. She was wearing my fur coat at the time. I did not see either of the women again that day.

I understand that, about 1:30 AM, on January 19, 1935, two men registered at the hotel. Mr. Young was at the desk at the time, and I was in my room, asleep. I did not see these men at all, and was told nothing concerning them. I did not know that they were there until early Saturday afternoon, when Mr. Morley came into the store and told me that one of the men had asked him if he could change a \$1000 bill. Nothing more was said by either of us concerning either the men or the women, until early the next morning.

On the morning of Sunday, January 20, 1935, at about 9:30 my husband was called on the phone by the colored bellboy who was on duty downstairs. This man's name is Owen Roberts. He told my husband that there were some detectives downstairs who wanted to see him. My husband put on a robe and went down. I was awakened by the telephone, and remained awake until about 4:20 AM, when my



My husband returned and lay down on the bed. He told me that the detectives were looking for two men from Florida, and that he wondered whether they wanted the two who had come in and who were in Room #403. He said that they had asked for the register, and that he did not know what to do, - whether to send them upstairs, or whether to make them wait for Mr. Young, as the register was locked up for the night, and Young had the combination. My husband and I stayed in the room for about an hour after that, unable to decide what to do, as we had had no experience in such matters, and were afraid of a disturbance in the hotel. At about 5:20 AM, I heard the detectives talking in loud voices downstairs, and told my husband to dress and go downstairs. He did so, and I also dressed, intending to go to six o'clock mass. A few minutes before six, I decided to go upstairs. I walked up from my room, on the second floor to the fourth floor, and knocked on the door of #403. A man's voice answered, and I told him to come out, as I was the proprietress, and wanted to see him. A man came out of the door, and I called him into #404, telling him that I wanted to talk to him. My purpose in going up to talk to him was because I did not want to see anyone who was innocent involved, and because I wanted no disturbance in the hotel, and thought that, if these were the men that the detectives were looking for, that I could get them to come down and surrender. I did not know at the time that the man had registered from Florida. The women had registered from Georgia, and I thought that the man had done the same. The man who came out was dressed only in his underwear, which was a long sleeve, ankle length style, apparently a union suit. It was either white or cream colored, and seemed to be medium weight. He seemed to be about 5' 8" in height, and was very thin. I have been shown a picture of Alvin Karpis, and identify the front view as being a picture of the man I spoke to that morning. I asked him where he was from and he said 'Savannah.' I told him that the law was downstairs, and that if he were the man they wanted to go along quietly, as I wanted no disturbance, and that both the front and back were guarded. As I was telling him this, I heard the detectives running up the stairs, and heard them shout, 'Open the door, or I'll shoot!' The man wanted to hide under the bed, and wanted to borrow a suit of Mr. Young's which was hanging on the back of the door. I would not let him do either. The man was trembling, and seemed very much frightened. I pushed him out the door into the hall. As we came into the hall I saw at least four detectives there. The ink diagram which forms page 3 of this statement represents an accurate diagram of the hall and the parts of it which

featured in what followed. It was drawn by E. S. Harsenstein at my direction. The four detectives that I remember seeing were standing at the four points marked X on this diagram. The man walked out of #404 and stood opposite the elevator, about between two of the detectives, at the point marked A on the diagram. I went to the door of #403, standing at the point marked B on the diagram. I told the detectives that I would open the door. I put a pass key into the lock, and then turned to the detectives, fearing that they might start shooting when I opened the door, and might hit me. I then asked the man in the hall what the other man's name was, and I think he said it was George. He walked over beside me, to the point marked A in dots, and called to the man inside. I turned the key in the lock, and he suddenly pushed the door open and slipped between me and the door, and into the room, at this instant I caught a glimpse of a man standing inside the room, at the point marked C on the diagram, with a gun held in his hands. This gun was not a pistol, but a longer gun, which he held with both hands, with the front pointed in my direction and the rear end under his arm pit. He was not holding the gun to his shoulder. At the same time, I felt the keys fly out of my hand, and heard a shot fired. I think there were four brass keys altogether, in a small leather key case. There were more shots fired, and I stepped away from the door, to the point in front of room #403 marked B in dots. I then moved down the hall toward #400. As I reached a point in front of #402, marked on the diagram with another B in dots, I saw the two women run out of #400. I turned to look at them and saw them and the two men running down the hall toward the back stairs. One man appeared to have two guns, one under each arm. They were not pistols, but big, long guns, and one in particular seemed very big around. The general appearance of a Thompson sub-machine gun has been explained to me by E. S. Harsenstein, and I think this looked like the drum that fits one of those guns. The other man had a large, two-handed gun under his arm. He turned as he ran, and fired back in my direction, although I do not think he fired at me. I saw no detectives in the hall at this time. I moved into the side hall leading to #401, where I would be out of the gunfire. After I was in there, I think I heard one shot, which I thought came from the third floor. I do not think I heard more than 15 shots fired on the fourth floor. I have heard simulated machine gunfire in sound pictures, and the shots I heard on the fourth floor were not that rapid. At no time do I recall seeing either of the men entering or leaving #400, nor do I know which was which as they ran down the hall. I do not know how any of the people were dressed as they ran, although I saw several coats

“flying, and had the impression at that time that they all had coats on. I did not look at the legs of the girls, and do not recall seeing blood on either of them.

I do not know anyone in the hotel who might have known these people or who they were before they arrived, or while they were there. I had no idea of protecting them when I did what I did and no one suggested to me that I protect them.

Duke Randall, as nearly as I can remember, is about 33 years old, 5' 10" tall, 160-165 pounds in weight, slender build, has very dark brown, curly hair, blue eyes, and a quick, easy smile. He is a drummer in bands, and I think he is also a lather. When I last saw him, he said he was going to Florida, to work at a dog track. He used to be married, but I do not know whether he still is. His wife was a small woman, about 4' 10-11" tall, now about 20 years old, about 115 pounds in weight, light brown hair, blue eyes. She had a good figure, and was not thin, but had a well developed bust, and she carried herself erectly. She sang in the same place where her husband played in the band. I last saw her in the summer of 1932. I later heard that she had left Duke. I do not recall her first name. At that time she and Duke stayed at New Richmond Hotel, on Kentucky Ave., near the Boardwalk.

I have read all of the above statement, consisting of five pages, including the diagram on Page 3, and it is all true, so that I am affixing my signature to the bottom of each page, and at the end hereof.

Elizabeth Morley  
Mrs. Elizabeth Morley  
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(See report of former Special Agent J. R.  
Sharp, dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
February 5, 1935.)



WILLIAM OWEN ROBERTS,  
Dannmore Hotel,  
123 South Kentucky Avenue,  
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

This witness has furnished the following signed statement with respect to the registration of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney at the Dannmore Hotel:

ATLANTIC COUNTY

January 20, 1935

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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I, WILLIAM OWEN ROBERTS, being first fully advised that any statement that I may make will be used against me, do make the following statement of my own free will and without any force or duress being used against me.

I was born at St. Michaels, Maryland, in 1879. I was married for about a period of two years to Edith Miles, but don't know on what year the ceremony was performed. We separated and since that time, which is about twenty-five years ago, I have not seen Edith and have been living by myself mostly in rooming houses.

I live at 1110 Commodore Ave., Atlantic City, New Jersey, having moved there about the first of this year. Before that I lived at 105 Pennsylvania Ave. I am a bell boy at the DANNMORE HOTEL, starting work there about the last week in September of 1934. I am paid five dollars a week and whatever tips that I can make.

I work the night shift at the hotel and come to work at seven in the evening and leave at seven or seven thirty in the morning depending on whenever the day bell boy, GRAF BOHEY, relieves me. In addition, Mr. Young, the manager, stays at the hotel until the last train comes in which is about one ten in the morning. Sometimes he stays until three or four in the morning and then again he may leave at about nine or ten. When he is away in the early morning hours, I would check in any guests and assign rooms. Then when the manager comes in the morning he would take over his duties.



"As far as I can recall, GRAT, the day bell boy, roomed the two women who occupied room 400. I think they came in on Friday. It is customary for each of us to tell the other how many guests we have roomed during our shift and what rooms they occupy. In the morning when I relieved GRAT, he told me that he roomed two women in room 400. He did not describe them to me and he did not tell me their names.

About three or four in the morning of the nineteenth two men came in. They left their car outside, came in to talk with the manager who was there at the time and engaged in the usual conversation as to rates and accommodations. I went out and got their luggage and took out of the back of the car three dark brown Gladstone bags; one of these bags was heavier than the rest, and I judged it to weigh between fifty and sixty pounds. I did not pay any particular attention to the car but did notice that it was a dark sedan. Mr. Young called a garage and an attendant came over and put the car in the garage. I took these men up on the elevator, opened the room, 403, and carried their bags in. One of the men asked me to get him some whiskey. I went across the street to the saloon or tavern where Mr. Ford is manager and bought a bottle of whiskey for two dollars. I brought the bottle back and charged the man what I paid for the whiskey. He gave me a quarter tip and then I left. This man was about five feet ten inches in height, was of a thin build and had a long narrow face. I did not see these men for the rest of the morning and did not have a ring from them or from the women in room 400. When I was relieved by GRAT a little after eight in the morning, I told him that I had roomed two men in 403.

When I came to work on the morning of the twentieth, I talked with GRAT about heating the hotel; no mention was made of any of the guests in room 400 or in 403. I made several trips to the fourth floor on the night of the nineteenth and saw a light in room 400 through the transom. I put the lights out on the fourth floor about one thirty in the morning of the twentieth. At that time I did not notice any lights in either room 400 or in 403. After that I did not go up to the fourth floor again.

When I am waiting for a call or to carry some bags, I usually sit down near the desk or walk over to the windows at the front of the hotel. From the chair I can see anybody coming in or going out of the hotel and can see anybody going down the stairs.

"Early this morning, I don't know the exact time, five men of the law came in. They were dressed in civilian clothes and two of them had on uniforms, one of them having leggings and a short coat with a badge on his cap. I don't distinctly recall what the other one had on. I thought they were guests and walked over to the desk. One of the law asked me who was in charge and I told him I was at the present time. They asked me if there were any people registered from Florida. I told them I did not know. Then some one asked me if there was a pregnant woman in the hotel and I told him that I did not know that either. Then I called Mr. Morley on the room phone and he came down in about four minutes. He had on a bathrobe over a pair of pajamas.

After Mr. Morley came down, I walked over to the window and then later sat down near the desk. I did not hear any of the conversation. While they were talking, Mrs. Morley called down on the room phone and asked me to tell Mr. Morley to come up to bed. I told him this and after a short while he went up-stairs.

Then two of the law went outside to their car and stayed there about half an hour. The other three stayed in the lobby talking. After half an hour the two who had gone outside came back in again and all five of them made a few remarks and then one of them made several telephone calls which I think were made to the police headquarters. After a short while one of the law brought me over to the police station and questioned me about the two men who were in room 403. After about a quarter of an hour we went back to the hotel. Before I had left the hotel, I called Mr. Morley so he could be down on duty. He was there when the law and I got back to the hotel. The law asked for the names of the men in room 403 and he gave them. Then all of the law walked up-stairs. I stayed downstairs and went to the back of the building and shook the furnace. I stayed there about three minutes and then left. On the way back I heard three shots in rapid succession. There may have been more shots than that but I was sure that I heard three and they were very quick and all had the same sound. I ran into one of the side rooms, 106, closed the door and leaned up against the side of the wall. While I was in the room I heard footsteps of about four or five people who seemed to be walking or running quickly toward the steps. Soon after that I peeked out of the door and heard somebody in the lobby. I saw Mr. Lynch, the guest in room 103, two of the law and Mr. Morley. Then after that, the lobby filled up with guests.

"In about half an hour the two women who occupied room 400 entered the hotel and I took them up to the fourth floor. I noticed one of them had some blood on her right foot. Then I came down in the elevator and must have waited about five minutes or even ten minutes and then took two of the law up to the fourth floor.

A doctor had been called to look after one of the girls and he must have called an ambulance. I went up on the elevator and took down a woman on a stretcher with two of the law and another person who it seemed was the doctor. The girl was taken away in the ambulance. The other girl was already down in the lobby and she was taken away in the patrol. Shortly after that the law came downstairs carrying three bags which looked like the ones I had taken up to room 403.

BONEY came in about eight o'clock in the morning and asked me what had happened. I replied that I did not know; I wanted to get home and get some sleep. I did not talk about this matter from the time I left the hotel until being questioned.

I have read the following statement consisting of three typewritten pages and know the same to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I have forgotten something which I wish to add to what I have already said. After the law came back with me to the hotel and they asked Mr. Morley how to get to room 403, one of them said to come up with them and show them the room. Mr. Morley told me to go up with them. I led the way up the stairs and when I got to the landing on the third floor and was about to go up to the fourth floor, I noticed a light and got scared. I stepped aside and let the law go up and then I hurried down. When the law first came in the hotel I was scared, but when I was going up the stairs and saw the light, I became greatly frightened.

William Owen Roberts

Witness:

Richard J. Enckal,  
Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice."

The original of this statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

DANIEL FRANCIS YOUNG  
Dannore Hotel,  
123 South Kentucky Avenue,  
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

This witness has furnished the following signed statement with regard to the registration of Dolores Delaney, Wynona Burdette, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis at the Dannore Hotel, and will be expected to testify in keeping with the information furnished in his signed statement which is quoted herewith as follows:

January 22, 1935.

I, Daniel Francis Young, make the following statement to F. E. Wright and H. S. Harsenstein, knowing them both to be Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, without any threats or promises having been made to me, and knowing that this statement may be used against me.

I live with my mother at 6203 Ventnor Ave., Ventnor, N. J., and spend most of my time at the Dannore Hotel, #123 South Kentucky Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., of which I am a part owner, partner and manager. I also run a number game at #2435 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City. My father has a cafe at #102 N. South Carolina Ave. I have no interest in the cigar store or horse books of William Morley, who is my partner in the Dannore Hotel. We have had this hotel since April, 1934, and have had it open since Decoration Day. I am single. I am actively in charge of the hotel, and spend most of my time there. Morley does very little about the hotel, but is usually across the street at his cigar store, #126 South Kentucky Ave. We employ four people at the hotel: Owen Roberts, the night bell-boy; the day bell-boy, Gregory Boney; the utility man, who works irregularly, is known to me only as 'Clint' or Clinton; the housekeeper, Mrs. Estella Wilson, who lives on South Florida Ave. Mrs. Wilson is white, and the three men are colored. Some of the trade of the hotel, both steady and transient, are brought by various taxicab drivers, with whom I have an arrangement providing for a kick back to them on the business they bring. I am a member of the Hotel Greeters Association of America, in which my 1935 number is #389, - New Jersey, Charter #43. I am 37 years of age, have lived the last 30 years in Atlantic City, and have known Morley for about 22 years.

"Samuel Morley is the brother of William Morley, and I met him through William Morley. I have known of him around Atlantic City for 16 or 17 years, and have known him intimately for the past 6 or 7 years. I think Sam is a couple of years older. So far as I know, William and his wife own the store, and Sam works for them. He has been around the store about 6 years. I have a numbers book at the store, which Bill runs as my agent, but I have no interest in his horse book. My sole sources of income are the hotel and the numbers game, in which I have two partners.

On the afternoon of last Friday, January 18, 1935, at about 2:15 or 2:30 a LaSalle limousine taxi drew up in front of the Danmore Hotel and two women got out and came into the hotel. The cab was driven by a colored man, about 5' 7" tall, heavy build, dark color. I know this man, and could recognize him again, but I do not know his name, nor what company he drives for. The two women came to the desk and asked for a room. I asked how long they expected to stay, and they said it was indefinite, but maybe two or three weeks. One of the women was pregnant. I believe it was the other woman who signed the registration card. I have been shown registration card #868 of the Hotel Danmore, and recognized this as the card they signed, as it bears my handwriting across the bottom. It bears the name Mrs. A. B. Graham and sister, which was written by the woman I mentioned above. I assigned them to Room #400, and Boney took them up in the elevator. I believe they had two bags, although I do not recall what kind. I said yesterday, to F. E. Wright, that the woman, or one of them, phoned me on the house phone several hours later in the day, but I now recall definitely that they phoned about ten minutes after they registered. The house phone at the hotel does not show what room is calling, so that it is necessary to ask what room is calling. I do not remember whether I asked them what room it was, but I am sure that #400 made that call. A woman's voice asked if this were Mr. Morley, and I said it was Mr. Young, but that Mr. Morley was over in the store, and asked whether she wanted him. She said she did not, and hung up. I remained at the hotel about ten minutes after this phone call, and then left to check up on my numbers business. I always stop first at a place on Michigan Ave., to add up the slips of a book I have there. The books all close at 3 PM, and I always arrive at the Michigan Ave. place at that time. I stayed there until 3:35 PM, and then went to the place at Florida Ave., which is my headquarters. I remained there until about 5 PM and then went directly back to the hotel, arriving about 5:15 PM. I did not see either of the women that evening, nor did I receive any calls from them, or any messages



"from them or concerning them. I think I went to my Mother's house for dinner that night, as it was Friday, and I think that I left about 6:45 PM. I left my Mother's house about 8 PM, and arrived at the hotel about 8:15 or 8:20 PM. About 11:30 PM, I left the hotel with Mr. Lynch, a guest of the hotel, and we both went to the New Yorker Restaurant where we stayed for a while. I said yesterday to F. E. Wright that we returned to the hotel about 12:30 AM, but I now wish to change this time to 1:30 AM. 10 or 15 minutes later, two men came into the hotel. Lynch was still there at the time. The men drove up in a black sedan, which they parked in front of the hotel. I believe they had two bags with them. One of these men was taller and thinner than the other. I have been shown a picture labeled Alvin Karpis, and I have identified this as a likeness of the taller, thinner man. This man came to the desk and asked, 'Mr. Morley?' I said, 'No, I am Mr. Young.' He asked, so far as I can recall, 'Do you have a Mrs. Graham and sister registered here?' The two women I mentioned above were the only persons who checked in during the day, but I was not familiar with the names of all the guests, and checked the room cards. I found the name, and told him they were here. He said he wanted a room, and proceeded to register, signing the card as Carson. He then told the other man he had better sign, too. The other man said nothing at that time. Both men smelled somewhat from liquor. I started to assign them to Room #300. Carson asked whether the women were on that floor, and when I said they were not, he asked to be put on the same floor with the women. The other man had registered in the name of Caseran. I then assigned them to #403. #401 and #402 were then taken. I told them that the women were in #400. They did not call the women on the house phone. They asked if there were a garage in the neighborhood, and I mentioned the Coast Garage at Kentucky Ave. and the boardwalk, which is the garage I always refer my guests to, and told them that they could either take the car there themselves, or the attendant would call for it. I do not recall what answer they made to this. Owen Roberts took them up to the room in the elevator. Owen came down and asked for a dollar for a few minutes, as the men wanted him to get them some whiskey. I gave him the dollar, and he went out and returned shortly with a pint of liquor. He showed it to me, and said it had cost two dollars. The brand was G & W, or Golden Wedding. Before the men went up, Carson told me to have Bill Morley call him in the morning, so I wrote a note for Morley: 'Bill, please call Room #403 at 9 o'clock,' and signed it, 'Dan'. Shortly thereafter, Owen came down and returned the dollar to me. He then told me that the men wanted me to call the garage and have the car put

away. I believe they had left the keys in the car. I called the garage, and the man came, in about ten minutes, and took the car away. I think this was about 2:30 AM of January 19, 1935. The registration card of the man is #870, of the Hotel Danmore. It is dated January 18, 1935, so that it will show a charge for that particular night's use. At about 2:30 AM, just after I had finished rooming these men and taking care of the car, I decided to go out for a drink before going to bed. Lynch was still in the lobby, but he said he was going to bed. I went across to the cigar store. Sam Morley was taking care of the store. I believe Bill Morley and his wife had gone to bed. George Patterson was coming out of the store at the time, and, after discussing the matter of a drink, we went to the Monticello Tavern, intending to have a scotch and soda before retiring. While there, we were joined by William Hagis and his wife, who were mourning the death of their little dog, and we all stayed there together for some time during which time, I might have had as many as a dozen drinks. I was pretty drunk by the time I returned to the hotel, and I do not know what the hour was.

Sometime the next day, Bill Morley woke me. I was still pretty groggy, but I think he said something to the effect of its being one o'clock. He told me he wanted me to put on a robe and come with him to meet some men. I was then in #405, which is my room in the winter time. During the summer, I occupy #404, which is a smaller room. I put on a robe and went with Bill to #403. There were two men in the room, the same two that I had checked in early that morning. They asked me to have a drink, and I refused. Carson was wearing glasses, and was dressed in a grey suit, but I do not think he was wearing the coat. The other man wore neither coat nor vest. Carson lay on the bed, and the other two were standing. I sat down next to the bed. Bill introduced the men to me, although I do not recall what names he called them by. He told me that the men were looking for a furnished apartment or house, and were willing to pay \$75 per month. I do not recall any conversation concerning locations desired nor do I recall being asked to recommend an agent. If I had been asked, the only agent I would have recommended would be Siricusa, who is an old employer of mine. I suggested that they remain at the hotel and take two communicating rooms. They said they would probably look around. Yesterday, I told F. E. Wright nothing concerning the note I had written to Bill, nor that I had been in the room with Bill and the two men on Saturday. I was then given an opportunity to recall this, but was unable to do so until today.

"When I was reminded. I do not recall any conversation between Bill and Carson concerning the latter's occupation. I was in the room about ten minutes, and then went back to my room. Bill advised me to take a bath and try to straighten out, but I went back to bed instead.

I arose about 4:30 or 5 PM that day, and went down to the desk in the lobby. I did not go out to eat until 6:30 or 7 PM, when I went out to Kent's and returned to the hotel at about 7:30 PM. At about 9 PM I had a call to get a cab. I believe I asked what room it was calling and was told #400. The voice was a woman's. I sent Clint out for the cab. He brought a yellow cab from in front of the Jefferson Hotel, on Kentucky Ave., nearer the beach. I did not know then who the driver was, but obtained that information today, and gave the man's number to Special Agent Sharp and no longer have it. I called the woman in #400, and they came down and drove away in the cab, although I do not know where they went. I saw them return about 10 PM in a different cab with two shopping bags. These bags were big manila bags, with rope handles. I saw nothing protruding from them and do not know what was in them, although they appeared to be well filled. The women went up-stairs. I did not see them again that evening, nor did I see either of the men. I did not see any of them that afternoon in the lobby. If any of them had been in the lobby while I was there, I must have seen them.

At 10:15 or 10:30 PM, I left the hotel, and went with a woman friend in the Buick belonging to Raveninsky, one of my partners in the number business, to Weber's Hofbrau, at the Garden airport. We returned to Atlantic City at about 4:30 AM on Sunday, January 20, 1935. I spent the rest of the night at this friend's apartment. I left there about 8:30 A.M., and went to church, for 9 o'clock mass. I left there about 9:50 AM and went to Kent's restaurant for breakfast. At the restaurant, I was told by a Mr. Arbuckle, one of the guests of the hotel, that there had been some shooting at the hotel early that morning.

I never knew anything concerning any note that might have been brought by these people to Bill Morley, until after the shooting, when Mrs. Morley told me something about Duke Randall having sent them to the hotel. Later that day, I saw one of the detectives leaving the hotel, and he told me he was going over to the store to get a note that was supposed to have been torn up. He came back a little later, and I was given the impression that he had not found any note.

"I have read the above statement, consisting of four pages, word for word, and have had whatever corrections made that I wished. Everything that is contained therein is true, and I am voluntarily signing each page at the end, and also signing the statement at the end of it.

Daniel F. Young, Jr.  
Daniel Francis Young, Jr.,  
#123 So. Kentucky Ave.,  
Atlantic City, N. J.

Witness:

M. E. Harsenstein  
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Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Room 1403, #370 Lexington Ave., N. Y. C.

F. E. Wright  
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The original of this signed statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

This witness will be able to introduce registration cards of the Danmore Hotel showing that Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette registered at the said hotel on the afternoon of January 18, 1935, in the name of Mrs. A. B. Graham and sister, which registration is covered by registration card #868, showing that said parties were assigned to Room #400. This witness will also be able to produce registration card #870 and will identify Karpis as having registered at the said hotel in the name of R. E. Carson and will identify Campbell as having registered in the name of G. C. Cameron, their registration as represented by registration card #870, which card also discloses that they were charged beginning with the night of January 18, 1935. The witness, however, will advise

\*that these parties arrived at the said hotel at about 1:30 AM during the early morning hours of January 19, 1935, but were accordingly charged for the night of January 18, 1935.

(See report of former Special Agent J. E. Sharp,  
dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
February 5, 1935.)

Registration cards #868 and #870 have now been obtained  
and are available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.



ELIAS SAAB,  
Police Officer,  
Police Department,  
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

This officer will advise that about 3:00 A.M. on the morning of January 20, 1935 he received a request from his Department to make an investigation in an effort to locate a 1935 Buick sedan bearing 1935 Florida license No. D-5306, motor No. 42949153, and that this Buick sedan was being operated by a dangerous criminal who was wanted on a serious criminal charge; that he immediately went to the Coast Garage on Kentucky Avenue in Atlantic City, New Jersey and located the above described car.

NOTE: It is noted that this is the automobile which was purchased by Duke Randall from the Ugar Buick Company, of Miami, Florida, on December 22, 1934 for Alvin Karpis, in the name of LeRoy Morrison.

(See report of former Special Agent J. E. Sharp, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1935, page 7)

J. R. SHARP,  
Former Special Agent, to be  
located through the Bureau  
at Washington, D. C.

This witness will testify that he personally conducted an investigation at Atlantic City, New Jersey, on January 20, 1935, with regard to the flight of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell therefrom. That he searched the room occupied by Karpis, and he found therein certain clothing, and in such clothing located a small business card of S. B. Bell, pilot for Florida Skyways, Inc. On the back of this card appears in pencil writing the following:

"Bill Morley  
Danmore Hotel

New Richmond Hotel  
Kentucky Avenue"

On the front of this card appears in pencil writing, the following:

"Bob Brown  
137 S. Mass. Ave."

This witness placed his initials on this card for identification purposes.

This card is now available for the use of Mr.  
Walter L. Barlow.

This witness will also identify a sheet of paper, bearing the heading of the "Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida", which he found while searching the personal effects of Dolores Delaney on January 20, 1935, at Atlantic City. Written in green ink on this sheet is the following:

"Stop at Danmore Hotel and ask for Mr. Bill Morley

New Richmond Hotel, ask for Mr. Young

Bob Brown, 137 S. Mass. Ave.

Kentucky Avenue".

This paper bearing the letterhead of the Tamiami Hotel is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

This witness will state that the Buick sedan, which was the property of Alvin Karpis, having been purchased at the Ungar Buick Company, Miami, Florida, on December 22, 1934, and which is mentioned under the testimony of Elias Saab, was removed from the Coast Garage in Atlantic City to the Atlantic City Police Headquarters, where he personally examined the said car and found it to be a 1935 two door black Buick Coach, which is also designated by the Buick Company as being a coupe; that the motor number was 42949155, and that the car bore serial No. 2783525.

(See report of former Special Agent J. E. Sharp, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1935, pages 22 and 30).

DOLORES DELANEY,  
Presently confined in  
United States Detention Farm,  
Milan, Michigan.

This witness has furnished information to Bureau Agents on numerous occasions, substantially all of which information is contained in a signed statement obtained from the witness by Special Agents B. F. Sullivan and John L. Madala at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, 1936. In view of the fact that there is a great deal of material contained therein which is not relevant to the trial of Joseph E. Adams and Henry Duke Randall, only the pertinent portions of said statement are being set out herewith.

The witness will advise that she first met Alvin Karpis in St. Paul, Minnesota, during the early part of May, 1933, at the Hollyhocks Inn, that she again met Karpis in Chicago, Illinois, during the latter part of May, 1933, at which time she commenced living with him as man and wife, and that she continued such cohabitation until January 20, 1935, at which time she was apprehended in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell succeeded in eluding a police trap. The pertinent portions of her signed statement are quoted herewith as follows:

"On our arrival in Miami, Florida, (which was on September 20, 1934), we proceeded to the El Comodoro Hotel. Alvin asked the Room Clerk for Mr. Adams. When told Mr. Adams was not there he left word to be notified when Adams returned."

NOTE: In this connection please note the testimony furnished by Joe Adams before the Federal Grand Jury in St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 26, 1935, when he informed that Cassius McDonald upon leaving the hotel during September, 1934, told Adams that he would send some of his friends to the El Comodoro Hotel, that he had quite a few of his men coming through Miami on their way to Havana, and that he would ask them to stop at the said hotel.

It later gathered from the conversation of Alvin and Willie Harrison that Willie had been friendly with Adams prior to our coming to Miami, and that he had referred Alvin to Mr. Adams. We checked into Room 1005 under the

name of Wagner."

NOTE: The records of the El Comodoro Hotel show that Karpis and Delaney as J. Wagner and Mrs. Wagner of Detroit, Michigan, registered at that hotel on September 20, 1934, and registered out on September 21, 1934, occupying Room 1008 and not 1005 as noted in Dolores Delaney's statement.

"An hour and a half or two hours later, Adams called Alvin on the telephone. Alvin went downstairs, apparently to see Adams, and I went shopping. On my return Alvin told me that we were going to Havana, Cuba in the morning; that Adams was taking care of the tickets for us."

"The following morning Alvin went downstairs and returned with two letters of reference, one addressed to Nathaniel Heller, Parkview Hotel, Havana, Cuba, and the other addressed to George Harris, American Bar, Havana, Cuba, and our tickets to Havana which Alvin told me Mr. Adams had gotten for us."

NOTE: It is quite obvious that Dolores Delaney is mistaken in stating that Adams furnished letters of reference, because Nathaniel Heller and George Harris have informed that they each received a card on which was written a message from Joe Adams.

"I inquired of Alvin what he intended to do with our Ford Coupe and he stated he was leaving it with Mr. Adams who would get rid of it."

NOTE: It is noted that this is the Ford V-8 Coupe, motor number 18-1037480, which was purchased by Alvin Karpis in Cleveland, Ohio, in the name of Charles E. Bronson on July 20, 1934, from the George Falke Motor Company, Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. It is also noted, as seen in the statement of Duke Randall dated at Miami, Florida, January 21, 1935, that this is the car to which Adams delivered the keys and registration card to Randall, together with \$10.00 with instructions for Randall to buy license plates for same.



"We packed our baggage, and on leaving we met Mr. Adams in the lobby. Adams referred to Alvin as 'Ray', and Alvin introduced me as his wife. We left immediately proceeding by train and boat, arriving in Havana the same evening.

"Upon our arrival we registered at the Parkview Hotel under the name of Wagner. After cleaning up we went downstairs to the Bar where we met Mr. Heller. Alvin gave him the letter (card) which introduced us as Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, good friends of Mr. Adams who was the writer of the letter (card). The same evening we went to the American Bar where Alvin presented to George Harris Alvin's letter (card) of reference, which letter (card) was similar in wording to the one addressed to Mr. Heller. We stayed but a short while and then returned to the hotel. We stayed at this hotel for approximately a week and during this time we frequently visited the American Bar.

"At about this time Alvin and I rented a cab and drove to Varadero Beach where we met Mr. and Mrs. Bermudez, who aided us in renting a cottage. We finally located a cottage owned by a Cuban family and arranged for its rental, and thereupon returned to Havana, Cuba. About two weeks after our arrival we moved into the house. This was around the first part of October, 1934. We rented the cottage under the name of E. N. Wagner. We lived at Varadero Beach until November 15, 1934, during which time we were visited on one occasion by Mother Barker who came to Cuba to look over the country, as she thought she might want to live there. We were also visited on one occasion by George Harris, above mentioned, and his wife. They remained with us for two days and two nights. Also during this period, that is while living at Varadero Beach, Alvin and I made several trips to Havana, Cuba, on which occasions we visited George Harris and his wife.

"On one occasion while in Havana, Nathaniel Heller took me to a Ford agency and he told the salesman that I wanted a Ford Sedan. I thereupon purchased a Ford Sedan, paying \$1,074.00 for it in cash, consisting of American money. Heller thereupon took me to Marinco, a town located outside of Havana, where he registered the car under the name of Delores Wagner.

"While at Varadero Beach, Alvin mentioned to me that he was expecting to either see or hear from Willie Harrison and wondered what was keeping him. About this time Alvin had received a couple of cablegrams addressed to him under the name, I believe, of Wagner. I do not know where these cablegrams were sent from, nor do I know who the sender was.

"One day Alvin asked me to write a letter for him. He then dictated a letter which I wrote and addressed to Mr. Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida."

NOTE: The text of this letter is set out under the testimony of Special Agent R. D. Brown, seen elsewhere in this report.

"In this letter Alvin inquired concerning Willie and 'that party'. I have no idea of the identity of 'that party', but I do not believe it referred to any of the gang inasmuch as he would undoubtedly have mentioned him under the name he was using at the El Comodoro Hotel. I have been shown a letter addressed to Mr. Adams signed by Mr. Wagner, which I recognized as being identical with the above mentioned letter which I wrote and which was dictated to me by Alvin Karpis."

NOTE: This letter was found by Special Agent R. D. Brown in the cottage occupied by Fred and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, January 16, 1935. Joe Adams has thus far denied having received this letter, but has admitted that he sent at least one cablegram to Karpis while the latter was living in Cuba.

"I noticed that the top of the first page of this letter, which I believe I dated, has been torn off. I feel certain that I likewise addressed the envelope containing the letter to Mr. Adams in care of the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida. A day or two after I wrote the above mentioned letter, Alvin stated he had received a cablegram at Varadero Beach under the name of Wagner from Adams at Miami, Florida. I saw this cablegram which stated that Willie had not been there, (referring to Miami, Florida), and Adams had no idea where Willie was."

NOTE: An examination of the cablegrams of the various telegraph companies in Havana, Cuba, fails to disclose the location of any such cablegram, although others have been located and are being set out in this report.

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"On one occasion (November 13, 1934), I went to Miami, Florida, in company with Nathaniel Heller, as at that time we were planning on moving to Miami and possibly there wait for the baby to be born. The reason I went to Miami with Mr. Heller at this time was due to the fact that he at that time mentioned that he was likewise going to Miami and Alvin believed that it would be best if I go with him rather than go by myself. On this trip Mr. Heller and I traveled by boat and upon our arrival in Miami, both Mr. Heller and I registered at the El Comodoro Hotel. On arriving at the hotel I asked for Mr. Adams but was told he was out of town. Alvin had told me before leaving Varadero Beach to get in touch with Mr. Adams who would help me in locating a house or apartment in Miami where we could live, inasmuch as I did not know anything about the city of Miami. At the hotel I was given Room 1005 and Mr. Heller occupied the adjoining room, number 1004, although I did not know this until the following morning when I met him in the hallway. I believe this was around the latter part of October, 1934."

NOTE: The registration records of the El Comodoro Hotel disclose that Dolores Delaney and Nathaniel Heller on this occasion registered at said hotel on November 14, 1934.

"While in Miami, Florida, I spent several days looking for an apartment but did not find any one that suited my desires. Also on this trip Mr. Heller accompanied me on one occasion to purchase an American pet bulldog which we called 'Wingy'."

"Prior to my leaving Havana, Cuba for Miami, Florida, on this trip Alvin Karpis instructed me to ascertain whether Mother Barker and Freddie were residing at the El Comodoro Hotel and on the day I registered (November 14, 1934) I inquired for them under the names they were registered as, which names I do not now recall. I was advised by the clerk that they had checked out several days previously. As stated before, I remained in Miami, Florida, for three or four days and thereupon returned to Havana, Cuba with my dog 'Wingy' by plane."

NOTE: The registration records of the El Comodoro Hotel disclose that Dolores Delaney as Mrs. E. M. Wagner - City, remained at the hotel on this occasion from November 14 to November 18, 1934.



"Upon arriving in Havana, Cuba, I proceeded to the Parkview Hotel and telephoned Alvin at Varadero Beach to pick me up which he did.

"About ten days or possibly two weeks later, Alvin left Varadero one morning at around 8:00 or 9:00 o'clock for Havana, Cuba."

NOTE: This was undoubtedly on December 3, 1934, because the inward and outward manifests of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization disclosed that on December 4, 1934, Dolores Wagner left Havana for Miami on the Pan-American Airways, and that on December 5, 1934, Karpis as Edward W. Wagner left Havana for Key West on the SS CUBA.

"He returned home at midnight that same day and told me that we were going to move immediately as he had heard that the "G's" were in Havana. We packed our things that night and left Varadero at 6:00 or 7:00 o'clock the next morning, and upon our arrival in Havana we drove about the city and did not go near the Parkview Hotel. Alvin instructed me to proceed to Miami by plane and to pick him up either the next day or the day after at Homestead, Florida, stating that he was going to proceed to Key West, Florida by boat and then travel by train from Key West to Homestead, Florida, which is a town located about thirty miles outside of Miami. I proceeded to Miami, Florida. Upon my arrival there, (December 4, 1934), I registered at a small hotel about three blocks from the El Comodoro Hotel. Alvin had told me not to register at the El Comodoro but to check in some other hotel and then inquire at the El Comodoro to ascertain whether any of the rest of the gang were there. I followed his instructions and after checking into this small hotel mentioned above, I went to the El Comodoro Hotel and inquired at the desk for Mother Barker and Fred Barker under the fictitious names which they were then using, which names I do not now recall. The clerk advised me that they were not there but that their friends, the Summers were living in the hotel. Believing that the Summers were persons connected with our crowd, I proceeded to their room which was Room 1005 and met Wynona Burdette."

NOTE: Dolores Delaney is undoubtedly wrong in referring to the room as number 1005 because Wynona Burdette has informed that she was living in Room 905, and the hotel register showed that G. F. Summers remained in Room 905 from November 25 to December 11, 1934.

"This was the first time I had seen Wynona since their departure from Toledo. I stayed with Wynona in her room overnight."

NOTE: Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon and Gladys Sawyer were arrested by the Cleveland Police Department at the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, on September 5, 1934, and it was not until this occasion that Dolores and Wynona were rejoined after said arrest.

"Alvin had told me before we left Havana that I should see Mr. Adams about borrowing an automobile which I could use in meeting him at Homestead, Florida. On the following morning, (December 5, 1934), I went downstairs to see Mr. Adams who was busy at the time. While waiting for him Willie Harrison came into the lobby. We talked together for a while and then went into Mr. Adams' office together. On entering Adams said, 'Hello Willie' and Adams addressed me as Dolores. I do not know from whom he ascertained the name Dolores inasmuch as I was always registered at the hotel under the name of Mrs. E. E. Wagner, and only members of the gang knew my name to be Dolores and addressed me as such. I asked Adams if he had seen 'Freddie' and 'Mother'. He told me he would try to get in touch with them for me."

NOTE: It should be noted that on December 6, 1934, at 1:17 P. M., Joe Adams sent a wire to T. C. Blackburn at Oklawaha, Florida, the message being "Phone me".

"Upon mentioning the borrowing of a car Willie told me that I could use the car which he and Doc Barker had. Adams asked concerning 'Ray' and I told him I was going to meet him down at Homestead, Florida. Adams then mentioned to Willie that George and his wife were registered at the hotel. Adams apparently had reference to Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette. We left shortly thereafter, and Willie told me that he and Doc Barker had just arrived in Miami that morning."

NOTE: The records of said hotel disclose that Doc Barker as J. B. Bolton and Willie Harrison as E. E. Howe, both of Chicago, Illinois,



NOTE: registered into Rooms 404 and 405 on December 5, 1934. It has been shown, however through interviews with the Desk Clerk L. E. Gray that these parties actually registered into the rooms at about 3:30 A. M. on December 5, 1934, for which reason they were charged for lodging for the night of December 4, 1934, and it is also noted that their rates were raised on December 5, 1934, as will be shown elsewhere in this report.

"Willie and I then went up to Wynona's room and later the three of us went to Willie's room which was number 405 where we saw Doc Barker.

"That evening, (December 5, 1934), in Doc and Willie's car, I went to Homestead and picked up Alvin as he got off the train and returned with him to Miami. We did not register at the El Comodore Hotel at this time but went up to Willie Harrison's room. I know that Alvin did not register, but later the same evening we somehow obtained Room 404, the room adjoining Room 405 which was occupied by Doc and Willie. Alvin told Willie and Doc what had happened in Havana, stating that he had recognized a "G" man in the Parkview Hotel as he was registering. This was the same story he had told me in Cuba and which was the reason that prompted us to leave Cuba. Wynona Burdette, Willie Harrison, Doc Barker, Alvin Karpis and myself were all together in Room 405 that evening where we engaged in general conversation. This was about December 12, 1934."

NOTE: Obviously Dolores is mistaken in her dates, in view of the fact that this meeting in Room 405 occurred on the same night on which Alvin Karpis hurriedly returned from Havana, Cuba to Miami, and the records of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization as shown above disclosed that he returned to Miami on December 5, 1934.

"I did not see Adams that night but the following day Alvin went downstairs to see Adams. I believe that he did see Adams but I do not know what conversation was had between them."

NOTE: It is noted that after Karpis visited with Adams on the morning of December 6, 1934, Adams dispatched a telegram to T. G. Blackburn at Oklawaha at 1:17 P. M., December 6, 1934, the message reading, "Phone me". It is possible that this wire was sent by Adams at Karpis' request.

"About three or four days later, Doc Barker and Willie Harrison left Miami, Florida, by automobile for parts unknown, and the same day shortly after their departure, Mother Barker, Fred Barker, and Harry Campbell arrived in Miami, Florida and checked into Rooms 904 and 905 at the El Comodoro Hotel."

NOTE: The records of the El Comodoro Hotel show that Kate Barker as Mrs. G. E. Ryan registered in Room 1005 on December 8 and registered out on December 11, 1934; and that Fred Barker as T. G. Blackburn registered in Room 1004 on December 8, registering out on December 11, 1934. It is also to be noted that all during this time Harry Campbell in the name of G. F. Summers and wife had maintained Room 905 and did not depart therefrom until December 11, 1934.

"Fred Barker had a quantity of fish with him which he claimed he caught in a lake where he and his mother were living, and either that same day or the following day we had a fish dinner in one of our rooms, and present at this dinner were Mother Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette and myself. That same evening I became very ill and believed that the baby was about to be born."

NOTE: This was on the night of December 10, 1934, and during the early morning hours of December 11, 1934, since the records kept by Dr. F. S. Nichols disclosed that he examined Dolores Delaney in Room 405 on said date. More accurately, it should be stated that Dr. Nichols appeared at Room 405 at about 3:00 A. M. on the early morning of December 11, 1934.

"Alvin called the Desk Clerk and had them send a doctor to our room to examine me. The doctor likewise believed that I would soon give birth to the baby and suggested that I immediately get in touch with Dr. Nichols who had been attending me.

"On the following day, (December 11, 1934), Mother Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette left Miami for Oklawaha, Florida."

NOTE: The records of the El Comodore Hotel disclosed that Kate Barker as Mrs. G. E. Ryan and Fred Barker as T. C. Blackburn departed from Rooms 1004 and 1005 on December 11, 1934.

"Alvin and I continued to live at the El Comodore Hotel for several days thereafter. Around this period Joe Adams, who was at this time the manager of the hotel, told Alvin and me in our room that he wanted us to keep in our room as much as possible and did not want us running in and out of the hotel, and in order to keep us company sent a large radio up to our room."

NOTE: In this connection attention is directed to the testimony of Mrs. Agnes Gray in which she will state that Adams borrowed a radio from her and ordered that the same should be sent to Room 405. Attention is also directed to the testimony expected from Bellboy James Grant, who will state that he personally delivered a radio to Room 405, and to the bellboy records which will show that at 3:30 P. M. on December 15, 1934, a radio was delivered by boy C-1, which indicates that James Grant was Captain of the bellboys at that time and carried badge number 1.

"Some days later Alvin told me that we were going out to rent a house. Mr. Adams, Alvin, and I went down to a car where Adams told us he had located a house which he thought would please us. Adams then drove us out to the house where Adams introduced us as Mr. and Mrs. Green to Mrs. Thomas, the owner. We rented the house and I believe Alvin then paid Mrs. Thomas \$750.00 rental for the season. On the way back Adams



remarked that he had introduced us as Mr. and Mrs. Green because he had forgotten to ask Alvin before hand what name he wanted to use, and that Green was the first name that came to his mind. I recall signing the lease for the rental of this house under the name of Mrs. E. A. Green."

NOTE: This lease is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow and can be introduced, identified and explained by Dolores Delaney.

"A few days after Alvin and I moved to the above mentioned house, Joe Adams drove Alvin Karpis to Oklawaha, Florida, to visit with Fred Barker, Mother Barker, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, as at this time Alvin did not have a car of his own. Alvin returned the following day with Fred Barker and Harry Campbell. Alvin later told me that Adams did not stay overnight at Oklawaha but returned to Miami shortly after there. Fred and Harry remained with us for about five days before returning to Oklawaha, during which time they did a great deal of fishing. Thereafter I did not frequent many places and did not make any visits as I was very sick and expected our baby any day.

"About a week or so before Christmas, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell came to Miami, Florida, and visited with us. They brought with them a number of baby clothes which were from Mother Barker and Wynona Burdette."

NOTE: Please refer to the testimony expected from Willie Woodbury in which he furnished similar information with regard to Fred Barker and Harry Campbell taking baby clothes to Miami, Florida.

"They remained at our home for about two days on this occasion. I recall that during this time Adams visited our house and he talked with Alvin, Fred and Harry in the living room outside of my hearing. After remaining about a half an hour, Adams left.

"I distinctly recall Christmas Day, and on this same day sometime in the afternoon Alvin received a telephone call from a party called Joe. I overheard him ask the party called Joe what time they would be there, and from the conversation which followed I gathered that these parties would be at our home right away. After Alvin hung up the

telephone he told me that I should prepare dinner for two more people but did not volunteer any further information concerning them. About five minutes later he left the house, apparently to meet them someplace, but returned alone about ten minutes later, stating that he did not see them. However, a short time later while I was in the kitchen with Theresa Carrichael, who was working for us as a maid and nurse, I heard voices and went to the front part of the house. Standing near the front door was Alvin and a tall gray-haired man dressed in sport clothes with a Panama hat. Alvin merely said, "This is my wife", and introduced him to me under the name of Mr. Crawford. This man stated that he had heard that we were expecting an heir. I cannot recall any reply that I made."

NOTE: In connection with the visit of the tall gray-haired man noted above, who was undoubtedly Cassius McDonald, reference is made to the signed statement of Joseph H. Adams seen under the testimony of Agent J. M. Hanson elsewhere in this report. It is noted that Adams admitted that during the latter part of December, 1934, McDonald asked Adams where Haggoner (Karpis) was living, and then told Adams that he had been by Haggoner's place.

"While at the front door I noticed a large automobile parked in front of the house and I recall that someone was sitting in the car, although I do not know whether it was a man or a woman. I believe they went to the rear of the house inasmuch as I did not see this man again, and a few minutes afterwards Alvin came back to the dining room and told me that the man and his companion had left, and that they could not stay for dinner because they had a previous engagement. I cannot recall any further conversation had with Alvin concerning the identity of these people.

"I have been shown a photograph of Cassius McDonald wherein he is wearing a Panama hat and I can only state that the person represented in the photograph bears a resemblance to the man who visited us on Christmas Day.

"Sometime, about New Year's Day, in January, 1935, Doc Barker and Russell Gibson called at our house and delivered a white Pit bulldog named 'Tuffy', which I had left in Cleveland with Fred and Doc Barker."



NOTE: It will be noted that the records of the El Comodoro Hotel show that Doc Barker as J. B. Bolton and Russell Gibson as J. Roberts registered at the said hotel in Room 702 December 28, 1934, remaining at said hotel only on that date.

\*Doc and Russell Gibson stated that they had either seen Mother Barker and Fred Barker or would see them on their way back. They stayed about three days and went fishing with Alvin every day. Doc Barker and Russell Gibson did not indicate where they were living and after three days they left. During the early part of January, 1935, while I was downtown visiting my doctor, I read in the newspaper of Russell Gibson being killed in Chicago while resisting arrest by Government Agents.

\*On the night of January 13, 1935, Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell came to our house.

NOTE: It is noted that these parties registered at the El Comodoro Hotel on January 13, 1935, occupying Room 705, and registered out on January 14, 1935.

\*At that time they did not know of Gibson's death until I told them of it. Before coming to our house they had checked into the El Comodoro Hotel but Alvin, believing it would be safer for them to stay at our house invited them to live with us. On the following day, I went to the El Comodoro Hotel with Wynona and assisted her in checking out of the hotel. Harry Campbell and Alvin went fishing every day and Harry intended returning to Oklawaha on both January 15th and 16th but was prevailed upon by Alvin to remain, inasmuch as he desired Harry to accompany him fishing.

\*On January 16, 1935, while Harry and Alvin were fishing at approximately 10:00 o'clock A. M., Wynona and myself heard over the radio that it was believed that two of the Bremer kidnapers had been trapped in a house which was then being gassed. About an hour later we heard over the radio that Ma and Fred Barker had been killed in a house at Oklawaha, Florida.

\*At 3:00 P. M. the telephone rang and someone called asking for

Ray Green, and then I told him it was Ray Green's wife and that Ray Green, meaning Alvin, was not there. This unknown party whom I later learned to be Duke Randall, told us to get out of town immediately. Wynona and I immediately packed our baggage, put it in our car and kept driving around the neighborhood until about 7:30 P. M. At that time we met Alvin and Harry, who were returning from fishing, on the street near our house. I told them what had happened. Alvin and Harry left after telling us to follow them. When we got out into the country I told them of Mother Barker and Fred Barker's deaths and the telephone call, whereupon Alvin and Harry left and returned in about an hour. They told Wynona and myself to drive their car to a dog track to get Duke Randall and to bring him to a street near the race track where Alvin and Harry would be. We went to the race track and not finding Duke outside, Wynona went inside and on her return stated that Duke was not able to leave the track at that time, and to have Alvin come out to the track to see him. Wynona and I thereupon left and met Harry and Alvin in the spot outside of Miami where we had formerly conversed and told them what had happened. They left without further words and did not return for an hour and a half. With them in another car was Duke Randall. All of us thereupon went to a point further outside of Miami where we parked our cars. Wynona and I stayed in the car and Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Duke Randall conversed near one of the other cars.

"At that time I had \$500.00, most of which I gave to Alvin who told me that Duke Randall would give me \$1,000.00 the following morning. He thereupon told Wynona and me to follow Duke, who would take us to some place where we could spend the night and instructed us that we were to take a train in the morning for Atlantic City, where we were to register at the Barmore Hotel, and that I was to use the name of Louise Graham. Alvin stated that he would get in touch with us at that hotel.

"Shortly after this conversation, Wynona and I in Harry's Ford Sedan followed Duke Randall in his Ford Coupe, which I believe was likewise owned by Alvin Karpis, to the Ta Miami Hotel which hotel was located near the El Comodoro Hotel. Duke Randall took us into the hotel and introduced us to the clerk as his sisters. He then took us to his room where we stayed overnight. While in Duke's room he showed Wynona and myself a pistol which he carried in a shoulder holster, and made the remark, "Put your glimmers on this red". He also showed us at this time a badge which was pinned on his vest and remarked that he was wearing it for protection. He also stated, "I am landing from a murder rap in New Jersey". Duke thereupon pulled me to one side and

asked whether I was afraid when I received the telephone call that afternoon telling me to get out. I told him that I was not, and that I was too used to that to be frightened. He then said that he would like to get in with the boys and inquired whether they were as tough as they were cracked up to be. Duke departed after this conversation stating that we would be safe at this hotel and that he would see us the following morning.

"On the next morning Duke came to our room and while Wynona was in the bathroom he gave me an envelope which contained \$800.00 stating that Adams could not get the money from where he was supposed to; also that Adams had taken this money from the hotel and that he, Adams, would try to get the remainder to me sometime. Duke also gave me at this time a sealed note addressed to the people at the Danmore Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, stating in this connection that the note stated that these people, meaning Wynona and myself, were good friends of his and that they should take care of us."

NOTE: It has been impossible to locate the note which Duke Randall directed to Bill Morley, Manager of the Danmore Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, advising him to take good care of Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney. Former Special Agent J. R. Sharp, while conducting investigation at the Danmore Hotel on January 20, 1935, found among the personal effects of Dolores Delaney a piece of stationery bearing the letterhead of the Ta Miami Hotel. The paper contained the notation, "Stop at Danmore Hotel and ask for Mr. Bill Morley", the further notation contained thereon being, "New Richmond Hotel, ask for Mr. Young". A further notation, "Bob Brown, 137 S. Mass. Ave.", with another notation, "Kentucky Ave.". These notations are written in green ink as was the note which Randall directed to Bill Morley. It is anticipated that Dolores Delaney will be able to introduce and identify this paper containing said notations and will be able to explain that the same was written by Randall in the Ta Miami Hotel.

"I recall that the \$800.00 which Duke gave me were in \$100.00, \$50.00, and \$20.00. I thereupon gave Duke \$200.00 of the \$800.00 which



he had given me for the purchase of our railroad tickets and a drawing room to Atlantic City. He went out and returned with the tickets shortly thereafter and gave me approximately \$50.00 in change from the \$200.00 I had given him. Duke then took us downstairs and got a taxicab for us.

"Wynona and I boarded the train about 9:00 o'clock A. M. the date being January 17, 1935, and arrived in Philadelphia the following afternoon. We thereupon got a train for Atlantic City and arrived late that afternoon and checked into the Danmore Hotel under the name of Louise Graham as Alvin had instructed."

NOTE: It is noted, however, that Dolores and Wynona in fact registered as Mrs. A. B. Graham and sister.

"I delivered the note which Duke had given me to a man who appeared to be the manager, and he stated that he hoped that we would be comfortable during our stay at his hotel. Wynona and I had dinner and went to bed. About 2:00 or 3:00 o'clock the following morning, a knock sounded on the door and when I opened it I found Alvin Karpis who stated that they had just arrived in town and were registered in another room. We had little conversation at this time, Alvin Karpis stating that he would see us in the morning. He left and returned at 8:00 or 9:00 o'clock in the morning with Harry. Later that morning Alvin went out and purchased a suit and an overcoat. He stayed at the hotel until late that afternoon when Wynona and I went out and bought some clothes."

"The day after Alvin and Harry arrived in Atlantic City, I told Alvin what Duke had told me about the money and he said it was O. K. Our conversation then drifted to the killing of Mother and Fred Barker, and Alvin remarked that he later learned that Adams had warned them three or four different times to get out and stay out but they did not heed his warnings."

"Alvin also told me at this time that when I was with Wynona at the time she checked out of the El Comodoro Hotel on January 14, 1935, there were "G" men sitting in the lobby of the hotel. He did not volunteer the source of this information."

"I also asked Alvin at this time what Duke was doing with our Ford Coupe, that I thought Adams was to have gotten rid of it, and

Alvin replied that he told Adams to destroy it but later found out that he had given it to Duke for his personal use. Alvin also told me at this time that of the \$2,000.00 which Alvin had left sometime previously with Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel for safekeeping, and which \$2,000.00 was a part of the six \$1,000.00 bills he gave me in Chicago, there still remained one \$1,000.00 bill at the hotel. Alvin told me at this time that I could go down and get this money which Adams was holding when I needed it."

Signed: "Dolores Delaney"

Witnesses:

John L. Madala and  
D. P. Sullivan,  
Special Agents of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice.

The original of the above mentioned signed statement is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(For the above information on Dolores Delaney see the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 6, 1936, pages 2 through 27.)



WYNONA BURDETTE,  
Presently incarcerated in the  
United States Detention Farm,  
Milan, Michigan.

On January 18, 1936, at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, this witness furnished to Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and John L. Madala a signed statement, the material portions of which are set out herewith, it being noted that the original of this signed statement is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow in the prosecution of this case.

She will advise that during November of 1934 she was joined by Harry Campbell at Ponca City, Oklahoma and that she once more commenced her travels with him; that she and Campbell then proceeded to Miami, Florida, arriving in Miami about three days prior to Thanksgiving of 1934;

NOTE: (The hotel records of the El Comodoro Hotel disclose that she and Campbell registered at said hotel in the name of G. F. Summers and wife on November 25, 1934 and occupied Room 905 until December 11, 1934)

that she and Harry Campbell proceeded directly to the El Comodoro Hotel; that it appeared Harry Campbell was already registered in Room 905 under the name of G. L. Summers. She goes on to state "we lived in Room 905 for approximately three weeks, at the end of which time Campbell and I moved to Oklawaha, Florida,

I wish to state that during this period I observed Joe Adams, the Manager of the El Comodoro Hotel, on numerous occasions in the lobby of the said hotel and although he was never formally introduced to me, he would always address me as 'Mrs. Summers'. Also, during this period Harry Campbell frequently met Joe Adams on the tenth floor of the hotel, but I do not have any knowledge of the nature of their business at these times. Also, during this period Harry Campbell and I ate practically all of our meals in our room, which was at my suggestion, inasmuch as I was afraid I might be recognized by some of the Agents who saw me in Chicago, Illinois during the time I was detained there. I also recall that on several occasions while living at the El Comodoro Hotel Joe

Adams sent special dinners to our room with his compliments and which were free of charge.

During this period a bell boy at the El Comodoro Hotel brought Chicago, Illinois and Miami, Florida newspapers to our room, but only when the newspapers contained either articles or photographs of some of the boys or when the articles referred to either the Bremer kidnaping case or to some crime which they were suspected of. I know this to be true because I usually read these newspapers, or Harry would read them to me. On one occasion Harry remarked that if Adams continued to send the papers up to the room by the bell boy, the boy would soon get wise as to who we were."

NOTE: An examination of the bell boy records discloses that during the period November 25 to December 11, 1934, newspapers were delivered to Room 905 on seven different occasions.

"I also recall on one occasion during this period either the bell boy or someone else, who possibly might be Joe Adams, brought a newspaper to our room which carried a story of the killing of Cowley and Hollis at Barrington, Illinois. I had previously met both of these individuals at Chicago, Illinois and I knew them to be Special Agents of the Government.

I also recall that a few days later, there appeared in one of the Chicago newspapers which was delivered to our room the photograph of Alvin Karpis as the companion who assisted "Baby Face" Nelson in the killing of Agents Cowley and Hollis.

On or about December 5, 1934" (it is believed that this date should be a few days earlier) "Harry Campbell left Miami, Florida, stating that he was going three hundred miles up the road and would be gone for a few days. On one afternoon while he was away" (December 4, 1934) "I went downtown shopping and on my return I ordered some refreshments. The bell boy who always waited on us told me when he brought the refreshments that a woman who appeared to be pregnant had called while I was away. Harry had previously instructed me not to see anybody that called at the hotel and to tell such persons that I was out of town, which I did at this time. That evening" (December 4, 1934) "Dolores Delaney, who I had

previously known, came to my room and asked whether George, meaning Harry Campbell, was there. I told her that he would be out of town for a few days. She then told me that she desired to see Harry and asked at this time whether I had seen any of the rest of the bunch around there and I replied that I had not. Dolores also told me at that time she had to see Mr. Adams and she would wait until the next day to see him as he was not in then.

I invited Dolores to stay with me until Harry Campbell returned and she accepted. On the following morning (December 5, 1934) "at about 11:00 o'clock Dolores went downstairs, presumably to see Joe Adams, and about one hour later she returned with Willie Harrison who asked about 'Buff', meaning Harry Campbell. Some time thereafter, I went down to Room 405, at Harrison's invitation, and saw 'Doc' Barker there with Willie Harrison and Dolores Delaney".

NOTE: It is to be noted that the records of the El Comodoro Hotel disclose that J. B. Bolton and E. E. Howe, of Chicago, Illinois, registered in Rooms 404 and 405 on December 4, 1934 and remained in said rooms for several days thereafter. J. B. Bolton is identical with Arthur "Doc" Barker and E. E. Howe is identical with William J. Harrison.

"That afternoon the four of us went riding around Miami, Florida and had some refreshments.

Later that evening (December 5, 1934) "Alvin Karpis, accompanied by Dolores Delaney, came into Room 405 while I was there with Willie Harrison and 'Doc' Barker. I do not know where Karpis came from at this time. On the following evening" (December 6, 1934) "I went with Willie Harrison to the Biscayne Kennel Club to attend the races. While there Willie introduced me to Duke Randall as 'Squaw'. Duke was working behind a cage at the time and appeared to be very friendly with Willie.

On the following morning Willie Harrison and 'Doc' Barker left Miami, Florida and later on that same day Harry Campbell, Fred Barker and Ma Barker came to the El Comodoro Hotel from Oklawaha".

NOTE: (The records of the El Comodoro Hotel disclose that Kate Barker, as Mrs. G. E. Ryan, and Fred Barker, as T. G. Blackburn, registered into the said hotel on December 8, 1934, occupying Rooms 1005 and 1004, respectively, until December 11, 1934).

"At this time Harry asked me whether I would like to go deer hunting at Fred Barker's place in Oklawaha for a few days. I told him that I would not mind if it were only for a few days.

I forgot to state that on one occasion while in Room 405 with "Doc" Barker, Alvin Karpis, Dolores Delaney and Willie Harrison, Joe Adams came to Room 405, after which Dolores and I went in Room 404, leaving the above-mentioned persons together in Room 405. I also recall that the day after Harry Campbell returned to Miami, Florida from Oklawaha, Joe Adams came into Room 905 and visited with Harry Campbell."

NOTE: (It is noted that Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette were then occupying Room 905).

"On or about December 13, 1934"

NOTE: (It is believed that this date should be December 11, 1934, in view of the fact that Kate Barker and Fred Barker registered out of the hotel on December 11, 1934)

"Fred Barker, Ma Barker, Harry Campbell and I left for Oklawaha, in Harry Campbell's Ford automobile. Upon arriving there, I met Willie Woodbury and his wife, Annabelle, who are colored and who were working for Fred Barker and taking care of the place.

About two or three days later, Joe Adams came to our place in company with Alvin Karpis. After Adams talked with the boys privately for several hours, he left. On one occasion I overheard Adams tell Fred Barker and Harry Campbell that there were some

Government men in Miami and that they, meaning Harry Campbell and Fred Barker, better get out of the place in Oklawaha, as the Government men might find out that they were there."

NOTE: In this connection it is noted that Special Agents C. G. Campbell and C. O. Hurt were in Miami, Florida conducting an investigation in this case and did make inquiries at the El Comodoro Hotel of desk clerk L. E. Gray during November and December of 1934.

"After Joe Adams left Fred Barker remarked that he did not believe there was anything to it.

I desire to state that immediately after Joe Adams left our place, Harry Campbell and Fred Barker asked Mother Barker and I whether we would like to take a short trip about the State of Florida, that they, meaning Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Fred Barker, had to go to Miami, Florida and stay there about a week or a week and a half.

On the following morning, sometime before daybreak, the boys left Oklawaha, Florida and that same evening, Mother Barker and I proceeded by automobile to Jacksonville, Florida, thence to Tampa, Florida and other places, this being merely a pleasure trip.

Mother Barker and I returned to Oklawaha about a week later and that same day, as I recall, Harry Campbell and Fred Barker likewise came back. Upon our return from the trip, Willie Woodbury gave Mother Barker a note stating that some fellows left it with him for Mr. Blackburn. I subsequently read this note, which was contained in a sealed envelope and was signed by Joe Adams, and to my recollection, it stated in substance that we had better get out of the place and stay out of there as the place was 'hot'; also that he, meaning Joe Adams, was getting tired of warning us and that he wanted to see the boys at the hotel as soon as they got back.

After reading the note, we had Willie Woodbury describe the men who delivered this message to him and his description of these individuals answered to that of Joe Adams and Duke Randall. Willie also told us that these men came to the place in a Ford coupe.



We destroyed the note by throwing it in the fireplace immediately thereafter and when Harry Campbell and Fred Barker returned to Oklawaha that evening Mother Barker told them in my presence about Joe Adams' message. I heard Fred Barker say that he did not think there was anything to it; however, Harry Campbell was very much concerned and worried over this, in fact, he and I discussed it at length that night and he wanted to send me home then but I refused to go.

Two days later, Harry Campbell and Fred Barker again left for Miami, Florida, leaving Mother Barker and I in Oklawaha. They returned two days later by themselves and I believe they went to Miami at this time to do some Christmas shopping.

Shortly after Christmas, Harry Campbell received a letter from 'Doc' Barker stating that he and 'Slim' would be down to see us for New Year's.

On or about December 27, 1934

NOTE: It is believed that this should be December 28, 1934, since the hotel register at the El Comodoro Hotel discloses that J. B. Bolton - 'Doc' Barker - and J. Roberts - Russell Gibson - registered into Room 702 on December 28, 1934.

"'Doc' Barker and 'Slim' whom I now know as Russell Gibson, came to our place in Oklawaha and stayed there until January 3, 1935. They fished and hunted considerably during this period.

On January 5, 1935, 'Slim' and 'Doc' Barker left for Chicago, Illinois. Nothing unusual took place thereafter until on or about January 10, 1935, when Joe Adams came to our place alone. He remained for about four hours, during which time he talked with Fred Barker and Harry Campbell in the boathouse. I do not know why he came there and whether he brought anything with him.

Harry Campbell and I left Oklawaha on January 13, 1935 for Miami, Florida and upon arriving there we checked into the El Comodoro Hotel in either 905 or 705 under the name of Summers."

NOTE: The hotel records show that they registered into Room 705 on January 13, 1935, registering out on January 14, 1935.

"Harry left the hotel and returned shortly thereafter, at which time he advised that 'Doc' Barker had been arrested and that 'Slim' had been killed. He stated that we had better get out of the hotel and live with Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, which we did.

At about 10:00 o'clock on the morning of January 16, 1935, while Dolores Delaney and I were alone, the boys having gone fishing that morning, we heard over the radio that there was some shooting going on at Oklawaha and later learned through radio dispatches that Mother Barker and Fred Barker had been killed by Government Agents. At about 3:00 P.M. Dolores told me we had better leave. She did not mention at this time that she had received any telephone call warning them to get out of the place. We packed our clothes and Dolores told the maid that she had received a message to the effect that her mother was seriously ill and that she and I were going out of town to visit her, and that she would wire her.

After leaving the place, Dolores and I drove around the vicinity, waiting for Harry Campbell and Karpis to return home. We later met Campbell and Karpis at about 7:30 P.M., approximately one block from the house. We told the boys what had happened, that is, about the shooting at Oklawaha. Harry Campbell then told Dolores and myself to follow Karpis and him in the Ford car. They were driving Karpis' automobile and we followed them to a point outside of Miami. They came to the car in which Dolores and I were in, took some of the packages from our car and placed them in the Buick, whereupon they left, stating we should wait at this place, that they would be back in an hour. Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis returned some time later and Karpis stated at this time that Dolores and I should drive to the dog track and instructed me to go in and see Duke Randall and tell him that he, Karpis, wanted to see him. Dolores and I then drove to the track and I contacted Duke Randall at his station inside of the track and told him that Ray, meaning Karpis, wanted to see him as soon as possible. Duke stated that he could not get away and that Ray should come to the track. I told him that Ray did not want to come there and he replied that I should tell Ray for him to come to the track through the back way and that he would have an old man there waiting for him. I returned to the car in which Dolores was still waiting and drove to the place where we were supposed to meet Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis and

found them there.

I gave Karpis Duke's message, whereupon Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis went to the track and before leaving told Dolores and myself to wait at a certain point about one mile from the race track. Karpis and Campbell returned shortly thereafter and we then followed the boys to a point outside of Miami, Florida.

Duke Randall showed up about two or three hours later and went into conversation with Karpis and Campbell, none of which either Dolores or I overheard. Harry Campbell thereafter told me to follow Duke into town and that he would keep Dolores and myself that night and send us to Atlantic City the following morning; that he and Karpis would go there by automobile. Harry gave me at this time either \$100.00 or \$200.00.

Dolores and I followed Duke Randall in our Ford sedan, he driving a Ford coupe, to the Tamiami Hotel. Upon arriving there we drove our car up a driveway which is adjacent to the hotel. I asked Duke what he was going to do with the car and he told me to leave the keys and the packages in the car and that he would take care of it. He later told me that he would get rid of it by running it into the ocean. Duke took us into the hotel and introduced Dolores and myself to the hotel clerk as his sisters, stating that we were going to stay in his room overnight. After we entered his room he told us to make ourselves comfortable and that we would be safe there. At this time he took off his coat and we noticed that he carried a pistol in his shoulder holster. He also observed what appeared to be a police badge and he later removed it from his coat and showed it to us, stating that he got it for protection. He also told Dolores and myself at this time that he was wanted for murder in the State of New Jersey and that he had 'Jumped the rap'. He left shortly thereafter, stating that he would see us early the next morning.

On the following day, sometime before eight, Duke returned to the room in which Dolores and I were located and said that he would run down to the station and get our tickets to Atlantic City, New Jersey. He left and returned soon thereafter with the railroad tickets, which he gave to Dolores. He then accompanied us downstairs where he called a taxi from the lobby of the hotel and Dolores and I left for the railroad station, leaving Duke at the hotel. I forgot to state that while living in Oklawaha, Joe Adams sent Chicago and Miami papers to us, some of which were addressed to Blackburn and some to Summers. Harry Campbell told me, on one

occasion, that Joe Adams had been given money to send these papers to us. I recall that in some of the papers which were sent to us by Joe Adams there appeared photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Barker, 'Doc' Barker and Volney Davis, also various articles which connected them with the Bremer kidnaping case.

(See report of Special Agent John Madala, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 6, 1936, pages 33 to 41)

This witness will further state that she recalls definitely the visit of Willie Harrison and 'Doc' Barker to the El Comodore Hotel during what she believes to be November of 1934, but which, in fact, was on December 5, 1934 and that she recalls this visit on the part of 'Doc' Barker and Willie Harrison particularly because at that time she asked 'Doc' Barker about his dog, which later proved to be a show dog which was found in the apartment occupied by Russell Gibson on Pine Grove Avenue in Chicago on the day of his death, January 8, 1935.

(See report of Special Agent John Madala, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 19, 1936, pages 3 and 4)

MISS INEZ STONE,  
Pan-American Airways,  
44 Biscayne Boulevard,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness, as an employee of the Pan-American Airways, will, upon service of a subpoena duces tecum, produce records of the said company, disclosing travel made by members of the Barker-Karpis gang between Miami, Florida, and Havana, Cuba, and return, as follows:

September 2, 1934, Cassius McDonald,  
round-trip ticket No. AR32715,  
Miami to Havana;

September 2, 1934, Cassius McDonald,  
returned to Miami on unused portion of  
above ticket;

September 6, 1934, Cassius McDonald,  
round-trip ticket No. AR32471,  
Havana to Miami;

September 9, 1934, Cassius McDonald,  
returned to Havana on unused portion of  
above ticket;

September 9, 1934, William Harrison,  
round-trip ticket No. AR32731,  
Miami to Havana;

September 11, 1934, William Harrison,  
returned to Miami on unused portion of  
above ticket;

September 11, 1934, Cassius McDonald,  
ticket No. AR32445, Havana to Miami;

October 24, 1934, Clarence W. Summers,  
round-trip ticket No. AR33297,  
Miami to Havana;



October 25, 1934, Mary Ryan,  
ticket No. AR33302, Miami to Havana;

October 26, 1934, Agnes Wagner,  
round-trip ticket No. AR32915,  
Miami to Havana;

October 26, 1934, Agnes Wagner,  
returned to Miami on unused portion;

October 30, 1934, Mary Ryan,  
Havana to Miami, using return portion  
of ticket No. AR33302;

November 6, 1934, Fred T. Wagner,  
ticket No. AR24090,  
Miami to Havana;

November 18, 1934, Dolores Wagner,  
ticket No. AR33884,  
Havana to Miami;

November 25, 1934, Clarence W. Summers,  
returned to Miami on unused portion of  
ticket No. AR33297;

December 7, 1934, Nathaniel Heller,  
ticket No. AR16685,  
Miami to Havana.

JOSEPH H. WALLIS,  
District Director,  
Immigration and Naturalization Service,  
Room 444, U. S. Post Office and  
Court House Building,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

This witness will produce, upon the service of a subpoena duces tecum, inward and outward manifests of persons entering and leaving the United States of America in District No. 6, which includes Florida, which will disclose the following transportation by members of the Karpis-Barker gang:

1. On September 2, 1934, Cassius McDonald, male, 48 years of age, embarked at Miami, Florida, for Havana, Cuba, traveling on Pan-American Airways Plane NC 752-V, the pilot being C. A. Larder; Immigration Inspector being Paul H. Gray.
2. On September 2, 1934, Cassius McDonald, returned to Miami, Florida, from Havana, Cuba, on the same plane, same pilot and Immigration Inspector.
3. On September 4, 1934, Cassius W. McDonald, male, 48 years of age, embarked at Key West, Florida, for Havana, Cuba, traveling on the SS Cuba, State Room 207, Purser being S. E. Stevens, Immigration Inspector being A. E. Caviness, F.R.C. ticket No. 95006.
4. On September 6, 1934, Cassius McDonald, male, 48 years of age, embarked at Havana, Cuba, for Miami, Florida, traveling on Pan-American Airways Plane NC-80-V, the Pilot being R. A. Doklstrom, Immigration Inspector being Paul H. Gray.
5. On September 9, 1934, Cassius McDonald, male, 48 years of age, embarked at Miami, Florida, for Havana, Cuba, traveling on Pan-American Airways Plane No. NC-80-V, the pilot being R. O. B. Sullivan, Immigration Inspector being Edith Phillips.

6. On September 9, 1934, William Harrison, male, 34 years of age, embarked at Miami, Florida, for Havana, Cuba, traveling on the same plane as McDonald.
7. On September 11, 1934, Cassius McDonald, male, 48 years of age, returned to Miami, Florida from Havana, Cuba, traveling on Pan-American Airways Plane No. NC-752-W, pilot being Fred V. Clark, Immigration Inspector being Paul H. Gray.
8. On September 11, 1934, William Harrison, male, 34 years of age, returned to Miami, Florida, from Havana, Cuba, on the same plane with McDonald.
9. On September 21, 1934, Elmer Wagner and Dolores Wagner, age 27 and 25 years, respectively, embarked from Key West, Florida, for Havana, Cuba, sailing on the SS Cuba, State Room 135, S. E. Stevens being Purser, and A. E. Caviness Immigration Inspector, F. E. C. Tickets 95019 and 95020 respectively.
10. On November 14, 1934, Dolores Wagner and Nat Heller, age 22 and 42 years respectively, embarked at Havana, Cuba, for Key West, Florida, on the SS Cuba, occupying State Rooms 240 and 218 respectively, Ced Coles being the purser and A. R. Wiggin being the Immigration Inspector - tickets being Havana 29157 and 14473 respectively.
11. On November 18, 1934, Dolores Wagner, female, age 22 years, embarked at Miami, Florida, for Havana, Cuba, traveling on Pan-American Airways Plane No. NC-81-W, pilot being L. Terkelsky, Immigration Inspector being E. F. Kimball.
12. On November 30, 1934, Nathaniel Heller, male, 42 years of age, embarked at Key West, Florida, for Havana, Cuba, sailing on the SS Cuba, State Room 109, J. L. Lay being Purser, and A. E. Caviness being the Immigration Inspector, Havana ticket 14473.
13. On December 4, 1934, Dolores Wagner, female, 22 years of age, embarked at Havana, Cuba, for Miami, Florida, traveling on Pan-American Airways Plane No. NC-81-W, R. O. B. Sullivan being pilot, and Paul H. Gray being the Immigration Inspector.



14. On December 5, 1934, Nathaniel H. Heller and Edward H. Wagner, male, age 42 and 28 years, respectively, embarked at Havana, Cuba, for Key West, Florida, sailing on the SS Cuba, occupying State Rooms 234 and 105, respectively, J. L. Loy being the Purser, and A. R. Wiggin the Immigration Inspector, Havana tickets Nos. 46919 and 29179, respectively.
15. On December 7, 1934, Nathaniel H. Heller, male, age 42 years, embarked at Miami, Florida, for Havana, Cuba, traveling in Pan-American Airways plane, No. NC-81-V, J. T. Rogerson being the pilot, and Paul H. Gray the Immigration Inspector.

(See report of Special Agent  
in Charge J. H. Hanson,  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
February 20, 1935, pages  
133 to 135).

CRIMINAL RECORDS

The records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fail to disclose any criminal record for either Joseph H. Adams or Henry Duke Randall.



S. K. McKEE,  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Miami, Florida

This witness will testify that he personally obtained from the files of the Bureau office in Miami, Florida a letter in the handwriting of Duke Randall, which was signed "Henry Stern", and on May 3, 1937 presented this letter to Duke Randall at Miami, Florida, at which time Randall admitted that the said letter was in his own personal handwriting.

NOTE: This is the handwriting which was used by Mr. S. F. Pickering of the Technical Laboratory in making an identification of the handwriting of Duke Randall.

R. A. ALT,  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Miami, Florida

This witness will advise that during the month of October, 1935, he was Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau's field division office which was then located at Jacksonville, Florida and that in his official capacity on or about October 13, 1935 he received in the course of the mails a letter on the stationery of the Hotel Grant, 882 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, dated October 13, 1935, directed to him in the name of Mr. R. A. Alt, the letter being signed in the name of Henry Stern. This letter is quoted herewith as follows:

"Mr. R. A. Alt,

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Mr. Donaldson's request I am stopping at the above hotel. However, after I earn enough money to pay my expenses home I will leave here. This I hope will only be a matter of two wks. If you can you may send me the title and registration here.

Thanking you for your past courtesies I am,

Respectfully yours,

Henry Stern."

NOTE: On May 3, 1937, at Miami, Florida, Duke Randall admitted that this letter was written by him in his own handwriting. This admission was made to Special Agent S. K. McKee. The handwriting contained in this letter was used by Mr. S. F. Pickering of the Technical Laboratory in making identification of the handwriting of Duke Randall appearing on a questioned document, which is stated, in part:

"Stop at Danmore Hotel  
& ask for Mr. Bill Morley."

S. F. PICKERING,  
Laboratory Technician,  
Federal Bureau of Investi-  
gation, Washington, D. C.

This witness will testify that he is a Laboratory Technician in the employ of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. He will be able to establish his qualifications as a handwriting expert and will advise as to his experience in such type of work, together with his length of service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the character and variety of handwriting examinations which he has made in his official capacity.

This witness will advise that during the month of April, 1937, he and Laboratory Technicians Charles A. Appel and W. G. Blackburn examined an item which constituted Government's Exhibit No. 109 during the course of the second Bremer trial in St. Paul, Minnesota in January, 1936, which appears to be a communication by Mr. Adams to a party by the name of C. E. Ryan. The questioned documents are a small business card of Joseph H. Adams and a corresponding envelope. On the face of the envelope is written "Mrs. C. E. Ryan" and on the back of the card is written in handwriting in ink the following messages:

"I do hope you will enjoy this little bunch of flowers.

Is there anything we can do for you?

Mr. Adams."

This witness will testify that he and the other above mentioned Laboratory Technicians personally, but separately and individually, made a comparison of the handwriting on the two questioned documents with the known handwriting specimens of Joseph H. Adams which were obtained from the latter by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the same being freely and voluntarily submitted and provided by Adams. This witness will advise that he and the other Laboratory Technicians mentioned hereinbefore individually and separately came to the undoubted conclusion that the questioned documents are in the handwriting of Joseph H. Adams. This witness

will be able to produce charts, diagrams and photographic enlargements prepared by him for the appropriate presentation of this matter in court.

NOTE: Mention has been made hereinbefore of Laboratory Technicians Blackburn and Appel for the reason that no definite conclusion on a handwriting examination is reached by the Technical Laboratory of the FBI, except upon the very definite concurrence of three examiners. The further purpose in furnishing their names is that in the event the witness, S.F. Pickering, is engaged in testifying in another court at the exact time that his presence is required in Miami, Florida, either of the other two technicians mentioned will be able to testify to the identical information which Mr. Pickering is expected to furnish.

WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON,  
Inmate, U. S. Hospital  
for Defective Delinquents,  
Springfield, Missouri

This witness is an inmate in the above mentioned institution, for which reason it will be necessary to serve the Warden of that institution, Dr. King, with a subpoena ad testificandum calling for the appearance of Bolton at Miami, Florida. It is to be noted that this witness has been afflicted with tuberculosis but an examination of his record at the above institution discloses that he has an arrested condition. His health is greatly improved and Dr. King has advised that he will be well able to travel.

This witness will advise that during December of 1934 he talked with "Doc" Barker about sending his, Bolton's, family to Florida, at which time "Doc" Barker advised him that the gang had contact with the manager of the El Comodoro hotel who could get Bolton a house at low rental in Miami; that "Doc" Barker further advised him this hotel manager had gotten Fred Barker such a house; that "Doc" Barker stated the gang stopped at the El Comodoro Hotel; that upon arrival there they would ask for Joe Adams; that if he was not present it was understood they would register in appropriate names as "commercial men"; that Adams upon noting this fact when he returned to the hotel would go to the rooms occupied by the gang and there collect additional rentals.

The witness will advise further that on December 18, 1934, he, Russell Gibson and "Doc" Barker drove from Chicago, Illinois to Toledo, Ohio, where arrangements had been made for this group to meet Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis; that Karpis and Fred Barker rented a small apartment at that time, the exact address not being recalled; that Bolton held conversations with Karpis during this time which lasted for two or three days; that Karpis told Bolton the gang's contact in Miami was a manager of a hotel; that this manager had arranged for Karpis to go to Cuba, giving him letters or cards of introduction to a hotel man and another individual in Havana, (These men were Nathaniel Heller, Manager of the Parkview Hotel and George Harris, who operated a small liquor bar in Havana); that Karpis received warning to leave Cuba because of the presence of a G-man, which warning was given to Karpis by Heller; that Karpis told Bolton Adams had obtained a house for Karpis in Miami.



As a matter of background it should be stated that shortly prior to Christmas of 1934 "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson occupying one automobile, William Harrison and Bolton occupying another automobile, motored from Chicago, Illinois to Miami, Florida. At that time Bolton had his wife and two children residing in St. Petersburg, Florida. Upon arriving in St. Petersburg he transferred his family to the Dorn Hotel in Miami, Florida. He was accompanied by William Harrison during much of his time in Miami. The group left Miami shortly after New Year's arriving in Chicago, Illinois on or about January 4, 1935.

Referring to this trip Bolton will advise that he knows "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson stayed at the El Comodoro Hotel on this occasion; that on the return trip to Chicago Bolton and Harrison were joined by "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson at a pecan ranch in the vicinity of Macon, Georgia; that at this point "Doc" Barker told Bolton Adams had warned the gang to get out of the El Comodoro Hotel since things were "hot" as the result of the killing of a gambler in Miami, Florida about that time.

Bolton has informed that his memory is a bit hazy but he believes he will be able to remember pertinent matters by the time of the trial.

NOTE: In connection with that part of Bolton's testimony where he informs that members of the gang registered at the El Comodoro Hotel as "commercial men", specific reference should be had to the testimony of Mrs. Agnes Gray, seen on Page 22 of this report, wherein it is shown that during December, 1934, she registered two individuals under the name of J. B. Bolton and J. Roberts, at which time they advised her they were "commercial men". These two individuals are identical with "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson.

During the above mentioned conversation between Bolton and "Doc" Barker, Bolton asked "Doc" Barker if members of the gang were not afraid to sit around in the lobby of the hotel. "Doc" Barker replied that they did not make a practice of sitting around the

hotel but remained in their rooms as much as possible. During the early part of December, 1934, when Bolton was discussing with "Doc" Barker the possibility of sending his, Bolton's, family to some point in Florida for the winter, "Doc" Barker stated that he could put Bolton in touch with a hotel man who had gotten a house for Fred Barker for \$75.00 per month. He indicated definitely to Bolton that this hotel man could get Bolton a house on the beach for his family at a very reasonable rate. To this Bolton told "Doc" Barker that the man at the hotel would not know him, Bolton. "Doc" Barker replied that it was only necessary to ask for the manager and if he was not in Bolton should just register as a "commercial man" and Adams would come to his room and see him, at which time he could establish his identity and Adams would collect the difference in the rental.

With reference to the use of the name of J. Roberts by Russell Gibson at the El Comodoro Hotel, as noted above, which registration occurred December 28, 1934, Bolton has advised that J. Roberts was the name being used by Russell Gibson at a former Surf Street address in Chicago.

During his conversations with Karpis at Toledo on or about December 18, 1934, Bolton asked Karpis whether he was still living at the El Comodoro Hotel, to which Karpis replied that he was not; that the rates at the hotel were too high; that Adams was charging him \$15.00 a day. In connection with Karpis' residence in Cuba, Karpis indicated to Bolton that all correspondence and communications were handled through Joe Adams and that when he, Karpis, went to Cuba with the full knowledge and with the assistance of Adams, he told Adams not to tell anyone where he was, not even Jack Peifer.

GEORGE A. WILSON,  
alias George A. Wessells,  
Manager of the Dining Room,  
El Comodoro Hotel,  
Miami, Florida - may also be  
located through his father,  
John Arthur Wessells,  
Peekskill, New York.

This witness furnished the following unsigned statement  
dated at Miami, Florida, April 12, 1935, and will be expected  
to testify in keeping therewith:

"I, George A. Wilson, wish to make the following statement  
to J. H. Hanson, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investi-  
gation, U. S. Department of Justice:

My correct name is George A. Wessells but because of the  
difficulty people have in pronouncing my surname they have  
called me Wilson, which is the name I am known by in Miami.  
I have been in Miami since 1924 except for the period of  
October 1927 to February 1931 when I was in northern  
Florida and New York City.

In the fall of 1934 I heard that the El Comodoro Hotel  
was planning to open its dining room. Inasmuch as I have  
for several years operated dining rooms, I arranged  
through a friend, George Newel, to meet Robert Knight and  
Joseph Adams, the owner and manager respectively of the  
El Comodoro Hotel. As a result of this meeting and subse-  
quent discussions with these men, I was employed to manage  
the dining room at the El Comodoro Hotel on a profit shar-  
ing basis.

Since about the 12th of October, 1934, I have lived in the  
El Comodoro Hotel. We opened the dining room on October  
18, 1934. Since that time I have resided continuously at  
the El Comodoro.

I have been shown a number of photographs and of these I  
am able to identify those of persons who I am told are  
Kate Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette,  
Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney as former guests of the  
hotel. I did not know the names of any of these people

except that I understood that Kate Barker's name was Mrs. O'Brien. I spoke to her by that name and she never corrected me. I recall that Kate Barker was at the Hotel on October 18th when we opened the dining room because all of the guests were invited to a free dinner in the dining room that day and she was present. Thereafter I saw her in the dining room on many occasions. I have also seen her in the dining room in the company of Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette. I noticed that Kate Barker and Wynona Burdette did not appear to be friendly. I also noticed that when Fred Barker and Harry Campbell, whom I presumed were the sons of Kate Barker, were away, Kate seemed very worried and would not eat the food she had ordered.

I do not recall seeing Nathaniel Heller in the company of Dolores Delaney, although I do remember him being at the Hotel on one or two occasions in about November and December, 1934.

I also wish to say that I tried to get acquainted with the members of this gang I have mentioned above, but they were not friendly. I wondered who these people were, but do not recall asking anyone in the Hotel except Joe Adams as to their identities. I did notice, however, that Joseph Adams spoke to them when they were in the lobby of the Hotel where the men in the crowd frequently played the ball machines located there. In answer to my inquiries, Joe Adams told me these people were night club operators from Chicago.

I also remember that we frequently sent food up to Rooms 1004 and 1005, and 404 and 405, which I understand are the rooms occupied by these people. I also recall that we prepared some special meals for these people, on one occasion fixing a fish and steak dinner for them which was served in their rooms. I also remember fixing some chicken for them to take on a fishing trip or on a picnic, the cost of the food being \$15.00.

For some few weeks prior to the shooting at Oklawaha, Florida, I had not noticed any of these people.

I understand that this shooting took place on January 18, 1935. It is my recollection that a day or two prior to



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of Dolores*

that time I saw Dolores Delaney in the lobby of the Hotel. I noticed her because she was pregnant. She was standing near the elevator in the lobby and I recall that there was another girl with her, or who appeared to be in her company. While this second woman reminded me of Wynona Burdette, yet it is my recollection at this time that this girl was a blonde.

I also wish to say that I know Duke Randall and Gregory Codomo. They were guests at the El Comodoro in November and December. Codomo worked for me in the dining room and Randall was employed at the Biscayne Kennel Club for Joe Adams. I had seen Duke Randall driving a 1934 black colored Ford coupe. He loaned the car to me on one occasion. He also spoke to me about selling the car he was driving to me. I told him that I would be interested in buying the car about February 1st. Duke then said 'You don't want the car - its hot - someone brought it down from Akron'. I then told him I wasn't interested in the car. I have never seen Joe Adams driving this car. I had never heard that officers were checking up on Duke Randall and this car in November, 1934.

On the day of the shooting at Oklawaha, Florida, which I am told was January 16, 1935, I had read the newspaper accounts of the shooting and had learned from them, as well as general talk around the Hotel, that Mrs. Barker and her son, Fred, had prior thereto stopped at the El Comodoro. That night about midnight, Mr. Gray, one of the Clerks at the Hotel, came in the barroom saying he wanted to talk to me. When I asked him what it was about he said he couldn't tell me there but wanted to know if he couldn't see me in my room. I went to my room, undressed and in a few minutes Gray came up. He said that there are some federal men in the house and that they had told him Joe Adams was connected with the gang. I did not know what gang he was talking about so he then said with the people who had lived in 1005 and 405, further explaining that these people were part of the Karpis-Barker gang. It is my recollection now that at this time Gray said 'The Federal Agents had absolute proof that Adams was the contact man for the Karpis-Barker gang'. Gray asked me what he should do and I told him that he certainly ought to tell Mr. Knight. As I recall I then got dressed, telephoned to Mr. Bob Knight who was in the Hotel and told him I would like to see him.

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It was about 1:00 A.M. on the 17th of January when I talked to Mr. Knight in Adams' office. The two of us only were present. I then told Mr. Knight what Gray had told me, viz, that Federal men were in the house and that they claimed to have proof that Adams was the contact man for the Karpis-Barker gang. Knight indicated that he was surprised. He said that Adams was at his apartment and he also said that he wondered what they should do. Finally, he said there is nothing that we can do about it tonight - we'll have to wait until the morning. While Knight and I were talking, Mr. Gray came to the office and Knight asked Gray about the conversation he had with the Federal officers.

On the day after the shooting and after my conversation with Gray and Knight, I saw Joe Adams about 10:00 A.M. I told him what Gray had told me and of our conversation with Mr. Knight. He said nothing except that he didn't know who these people were."

**Witnesses**

"A. K. McKee  
J. H. Hanson,  
Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice."

The original of this statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 23, 1934, pages 54 through 57)

J. L. MADALA,  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
769 Starks Building,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

This witness will state that he interviewed Joe Adams at St. Paul, Minnesota, during the trial of Cassius McDonald, William Weaver, and Harry Sawyer, in January, 1936; that Adams denied having ever received a letter directed to him by "Mr. Wagner", from Cuba, the text of which letter is seen under the testimony of Special Agent R. D. Brown found elsewhere in this report; that Adams also denied making any response to this letter, but that Adams did admit he transmitted several cablegrams to Alvin Karpis, under the name of "Mr. Wagner", with respect to Kate Barker, during the time that Karpis resided in Cuba.

NOTE: It is to be noted under the testimony of Miss Inez Stowe, seen elsewhere in this report, that Kate Barker, under the name of Mary Ryan, on October 25, 1934, traveled to Havana, Cuba, via the Pan-American Airways and that she returned to Miami from Havana via the Pan-American Airways on October 30, 1934. It is also to be noted that on October 25, 1934, Adams dispatched the following cablegram to Mr. Heller:

"1934 OCT 25 AM 1255

LC MR HELLER PARKVIEW HOTEL HAVANA CUBA

RYAN ARRIVES THURSDAY PLANE

ADAMS"

The witness will further state Joe Adams advised that on one occasion during the latter part of December, 1934, Cash McDonald came to his office at the El Comodoro Hotel, asking where he could get in touch with Blackburn, meaning Freddie Barker, expressing a desire to see him; that Adams stated he then transmitted a telegram to Blackburn at Oklawaha, Florida, signing it "Cash", advising that he, Cash McDonald, wanted to see him the following Sunday.

(See report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, February 6, 1936, pages 49 and 50.)

D. B. SUTTON,  
132 East Flagler Street,  
Miami, Florida.

In connection with the purchase of jewelry by Joe Adams and Duke Randall on December 22, 1934, from the Sutton Jewelry Company, the witness D. B. Sutton has submitted the following signed statements:

\*January 23, 1935

I, D. B. Sutton, freely and voluntarily make the following signed statement to F. M. Stone and J. W. Going, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

As near as I can remember, Joe Adams phoned on December 22, 1934, stating that someone in his office wanted to buy a Christmas present and asked if I would send up a selection for them to choose from. Mrs. Sutton selected a dozen pieces from our stock and these pieces were delivered to a messenger that Joe sent to the store. This messenger brought a card signed by Mr. Adams and the said signature was identified by both myself and Mrs. Sutton. I do not have the card in my possession now and it has probably been destroyed.

Later the messenger returned all of the jewelry except two pieces and brought with him cash for the two pieces which were kept. The pieces kept were a platinum bar pin #2680 valued at \$175.00 and one diamond bar pin #809 valued at \$85.00.

While the jewelry was out of the store Mr. Adams called a second time and stated that the parties had selected two pieces but the price was a little more than they wanted to pay and asked me if I could reduce it any. I told Mr. Adams that I thought the price was very reasonable but if it would help to make the sale I would reduce the price on pin #2680 from \$200.00 to \$175.00 and on pin #809 from \$100.00 to \$85.00.

"Mr. Adams then stated that he would tell the parties of the new prices. This closed the transaction so far as I was concerned as the messenger returned with the remaining jewelry and \$260.00 in cash for the two pieces heretofore mentioned.

I do not know the identity of the messenger. I only know that he was white.

Signed:

D. B. Sutton

Betty J. Whyal

Witness:

James W. Going  
Special Agent  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Birmingham, Ala.

Franklin M. Stone,  
Special Agent  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice.  
Birmingham, Ala.

I have read the above voluntary statement of Mr. Sutton and believe it to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed:

Sarah B. Sutton

Betty J. Whyal

Witness:

James W. Going  
Special Agent  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Birmingham, Ala.

Franklin M. Stone  
Special Agent  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Birmingham, Ala."



**NOTE:** In connection with his testimony, this witness will identify a receipt of the Sutton Jewelry Company, dated December 22, 1934, indicating that there had been sold to Joe Adams two bar pins at a cost of \$260.00. This receipt was found among the personal effects of Duke Randall by Special Agent in Charge J. M. Hanson, at the time of Randall's apprehension on January 21, 1935, in Room 517 of the Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. M. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 77.)

TED GILL,  
Associated Press Reporter,  
News Tower Building,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will advise that he held a conversation with Joe Adams at about 12:30 P. M., January 16, 1935, and that at that time Adams informed that T. C. Blackburn, his mother, and G. E. Summers had stopped at the El Comodoro Hotel during the fall of 1934; further, that he had rented the Carson Bradford home at Oklawaha, Florida, to T. C. Blackburn.

The witness will state that he is positive the identification of the Blackburns as the Barkers was not known at the time of his conversation with Adams, and that neither their names nor the name of Karpis was mentioned. He said that the only thing that remained outstanding in his mind, as a result of his talk with Adams, was that Adams had told him Blackburn's mother was a "nice, old lady" and that he had sent flowers to her room.

(See report of Special Agent  
S. K. McKee, Jacksonville, Florida,  
May 23, 1935, page 66.)

2830 Jefferson St  
of Brady Phelps.  
Miami

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Tex Gill

Called Adams around 12:30 m  
on Jan 16. 35. First story came  
over wire at 11:30 or 12:00 -

Between gangsters & Tex men  
Next wire was that battle was  
between Tex men & Blackburn  
gang who has rented Bradford  
home. I called Bradford - He  
said Adams has handled rental  
& Bradford hadn't seen the  
parties.

Next story on wire was  
that Fred, Kue & Karpis  
had been killed - I got  
hold of Adams & he asked me  
what I had - I told him about  
the wire - He then said that on Nov  
10-34 Blackburn had  
come to Hotel - accompanied  
by an old lady to whom he  
had sent flowers - that he  
hadn't seen much of Blackburn.  
That there was another fellow

Around Hotel with Blackburn.

Fairly certain that he told Adams  
they were wanted for the  
Bremer Kidnapping case.

O. C. McLENNAN  
Salesman, Ungar Buick Company  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will advise that on Friday night, December 21, 1934, two men came to the sales room of the Ungar Buick Company, and went directly to two Buicks, Models 47 and 48, and inquired about their prices, speed, when delivery could be had, whether they were completely adjusted and ready to go.

In this connection it should be noted that Leroy Morrison (Randall) purchased a Model 48 for Alvin Karpis on December 23, 1934.

The witness will further advise that he gave the men inquiring about the car his business card, and was advised that the prospective purchaser's name was F. E. Carlson, Alcazar Hotel, Miami. That Carlson then stated to the witness that he, Carlson, would be ready to buy around January 15, 1935, and that it would be a cash deal.

The witness has identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as resembling Carlson, although the witness has stated that he does not think that he could swear to the identity of Carlson. The witness was unable to identify any other photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang as being identical with the party accompanying Karpis. He furnished the following description of Carlson (Karpis):

Age	35 years
Height	5' 6 to 6"
Weight	160 to 170 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Light
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium



The witness will state that Karpis and his companion remained in the show rooms not longer than fifteen minutes, and appeared very nervous all of this time; that when he offered to drive them back to their hotel they were very positive in stating that they would walk, and left immediately.

This witness will be able to produce and identify a "Prospect Record" card, upon which he inscribed the name of F. E. Carlson, Alcazar Hotel, as being interested in a Model 47 or 48 Buick about January 15th. The card further discloses that F. E. Carlson appeared at the Ugar Buick Company on December 21, 1934, and was waited upon by M. C. McLenna. The card further indicates that inquiries made on January 18, 1935, at the Alcazar Hotel disclosed that McLenna was unable to locate Carlson at that point. There is a further notice on the card to the effect that Carlson had moved from that hotel.

NOTE: Referring to that portion of McLenna's testimony wherein he states that he furnished one of his business cards to the prospective purchaser, it will be noted that a business card of O. C. "Mac" McLenna was found by Investigating Agents in the home of Alvin Karpis at 1121 85th Street, N.E., Miami, Florida.

FRANCIS P. MALONE,  
502 Madeira,  
Coral Gables, Florida.

This witness is a reporter of the Miami Daily News, Miami, Florida, and will advise that on the morning of January 16, 1935, Associated Press reports were received regarding the shooting at Oklawaha, Florida, and that he communicated by telephone with Carson Bradford and was told that he, Bradford, did not know the Blackburns; that the house had been rented to them by Joe Adams.

The witness will advise that he then reached Adams by telephone at the El Comodoro Hotel, informed Adams of the shooting and requested information concerning the identity of the occupants of the house; that Adams stated he was surprised to hear the news, but Malone will state that Adams did not seem surprised; that at the time of this conversation, Adams informed the witness that T. C. Blackburn, his mother, and a second man named Summers had stopped at the El Comodoro Hotel during the fall of 1934, and that Blackburn wanted to rent a house, and that he, Adams, had rented the Bradford house to him; that Malone requested data concerning the dates these people had been guests at the hotel, Adams promising to call back and furnish this information; that after waiting a reasonable length of time, the witness again reached Adams by telephone at the El Comodoro Hotel; that between this conversation and the first conversation, information had been received that the Blackburns were, in fact, Fred and Kate Barker; further, that there had been information to the effect that Karpis was also in the house at Oklawaha; that the witness informed Adams of these facts, also advising Adams that these people were under indictment at St. Paul, Minnesota, for the Bremer kidnaping; that Adams informed he knew nothing about Karpis. Malone will state he is positive he told Adams at the time of the second conversation that the Blackburns were, in fact, the Barkers; that the name of Karpis was brought up, at which time Adams informed the witness he did not know Karpis nor did he know that all of these people were under indictment at St. Paul, Minnesota, for the Bremer kidnaping.

NOTE: It is to be noted that Fred Barker and Kate Barker were never indicted at any time at St. Paul, Minnesota, charged with complicity in the Bremer kidnaping, but that Alvin Karpis was indicted under one indictment at that point on May 5, 1934, and was again indicted under two separate indictments at St. Paul on January 22, 1935.

(See report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Jacksonville, Florida, May 23, 1935, pages 66 and 67.)



M. S. ALTMAYER

This witness will further advise that he discussed the purchase of the Buick automobile by Leroy Morrison with his cashier, Mrs. Clara Gilbert. And, his memory having been refreshed, he recalls returning to Miami, Florida, from Jacksonville, Florida, and while on the train he recalls having seen Leroy Morrison, alias Duke Randall, with a girl sitting in the Club Car; that about one hour after the train left Jacksonville Morrison and the woman left the Club Car, apparently to retire.

That when Morrison was in the sales room of the Unger Buick Company on December 22, 1934, Altmeyer counted the cash paid by Morrison, at which time Altmeyer asked Morrison if he had not just arrived from Jacksonville, to which Morrison replied that he had, and then stated that he remembered having seen Altmeyer on the train.

MRS. CLARA GILBERT  
559 N.W. 44th Street  
Miami, Florida.

This woman will advise that on December 22, 1934, she was engaged as cashier of the Ungar Buick Company at Miami, Florida; that she recalls the incident when Leroy Morrison purchased a Buick automobile from the Ungar Buick Company on December 22, 1934. She will advise that she completed the sale of the above mentioned Buick to Leroy Morrison, at which time he refused to give her a local address, stating he had just arrived in town from Buffalo, New York, where he resided at 444 Main Street; that Morrison further instructed the witness to retain the certificate of Title when it was obtained from Tallahassee, Florida, until April 1, 1935, after which time she should forward it to him at his northern address, if he had not called for it.

It is the witness' recollection that Morrison paid the purchase price for the Buick automobile in one hundred, fifty, and twenty dollar bills.



JOHN T. GREENLEE,  
Postmaster,  
Oklawaha, Florida.

This witness will state that he was Postmaster at Oklawaha, Florida during October, November and December, 1934 and January 1935 and that he recalls that newspapers were received in the mail daily for members of the Karpis-Barker gang who were living at the Carson Bradford home and, to the best of his recollection, the newspapers were addressed in longhand to an individual named Summers. The witness will state that he had no occasion to examine the papers or to make any notation as to whom they were addressed and for that reason, he is not definitely certain as to the addressee; that to the best of his recollection the newspapers were apparently sent by an individual, as distinguished from a newspaper office, since the address and the name of the recipient were written in pen and ink and that the newspapers were securely wrapped in such a manner that it was impossible for him to determine the identity of the newspapers. He is not able to recall the postmark on such papers and, therefore, cannot indicate the point of origin. He is very certain, however, that the papers were not mailed by a newspaper office, since they were not wrapped and addressed in the usual manner. In this connection, he will be able to state that he is familiar with the manner in which newspaper offices customarily wrap a newspaper for mailing purposes and that the newspapers received by the persons at the Carson Bradford home were wrapped in a manner distinctly different than the wrapping used by a newspaper office; that the usual manner in which newspapers are forwarded by mail is for the newspaper office to paste or glue a small yellow, pink or blue piece of paper on the paper binding the newspaper, which small piece of paper usually bears the printed name and address of the party who is to receive said paper.

(See report of Special Agent E. F. Fitzsimons,  
dated at Jacksonville, Florida, March 24,  
1936, page 2)

G. C. SMITH,  
Station Manager,  
Eastern Airlines, Incorporated,  
Airport Terminal,  
Miami, Florida.

Reference is made to the testimony of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, seen elsewhere in this report, wherein it is shown that there was found in the possession of Duke Randall an Eastern Airlines, Incorporated ticket No. 8021, indicating that on December 26, 1934 he had purchased a round-trip ticket from Miami, Florida to Atlanta, Georgia. The above witness will be the proper person to subpoena to introduce the records of the Eastern Airlines, Incorporated, to indicate that the above-mentioned ticket was used for a passage from Miami to Atlanta, Georgia on December 31, 1934. This witness will, likewise, be able to identify ticket No. 8021 as the ticket issued by the Eastern Airlines, Incorporated.

Ticket No. 8021 has now been obtained and is available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson,  
dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 23, 1935,  
page 17)

L. M. KAIN,  
Carpenter,  
El Comodoro Hotel,  
Miami, Florida

This witness will state that during the Holiday Season of December, 1934, Duke Randall approached him with the request to build a wooden box which would accommodate a gun that Randall intended to ship to some unknown point. He will advise that in keeping with this request he did build such a box and that he recalled the dimensions were as follows: 4" x 4" by 4" long. He will state that one end of the box was built in the following size: 6" x 4", in order to accommodate the stock of the gun.

For the above information see the report of Special Agent J. M. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida February 20, 1935, Page 82.

NOTE: Randall has explained in a signed statement seen on Page 135 of this report that about a week prior to the shooting at Oklawaha, Florida, Adams had called Randall into his, Adams', office, at which time Adams disclosed that a friend had left with him a rifle which Adams did not want people to know he had in the event something should happen to him. He requested Randall to have a box made for the gun. That night at the Biscayne Kennel Club Randall requested Kain, who is the carpenter for and who lives at the El Comodoro Hotel, to make a box for this rifle. This was done and within a day or two Randall returned to the El Comodoro Hotel, at which time the gun was dismantled by Adams and Randall and delivered to Randall, Adams requesting that the gun be placed in the box and a fictitious name be written on the box and that the box be checked in the check room of the El Comodoro Hotel.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA  
THIRD DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff

-vs-

ALVIN KARPAVICZ, alias  
ALVIN KARPIS, et al,

Defendants

Testimony of Joseph Adams



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA  
THIRD DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,

-VS-

Alvin Karpavicz, alias Alvin  
Karpis; Arthur Barker, alias Doc  
Barker, Volney Davis; Harry  
Campbell, alias George Winfield;  
William Weaver, alias Phoenix  
Donald; William J. Harrison; Harry  
Sawyer, alias Harry Sandlovich;  
Byron Bolton, alias Monty Carter,  
Elmer Farmer; Harold Alderton, alias  
Harold Allerton, and Cassius  
McDonald, alias "Cash" McDonald,

Defendants.

The above-entitled cause came regularly on for  
trial of the defendants, Harry Sawyer, alias Harry Sandlovich,  
William Weaver, alias Phoenix Donald, and Cassius McDonald,  
alias "Cash" McDonald, on the 8th day of January, 1936, at  
ten o'clock a. m., before Honorable Cunnary M. Nordbye, one of  
the Judges of the above-named Court, at the Federal Building in  
the City of St. Paul, Minnesota.

There were present and appearing:

George Sullivan, United States District  
Attorney and George Helsey, Assistant  
United States District Attorney, in behalf  
of the United States of America.

Messrs. Drill, Drill & Rensch, by Messrs.



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Lewis L. Drill and Robert V. Rensch, and  
Eugene D. O'Sullivan, Esq., in behalf of  
the defendant Harry Sawyer.

A Jerome Hoffmann, Esq., in behalf of  
the defendant William Weaver.

Everett Jennings, Esq., of Chicago,  
Illinois, in behalf of the defendant  
Cassius McDonald.

Thereupon the following proceedings were had, and  
testimony taken:

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January 15, 1938.

JOSEPH H. ADAMS,

called as a witness for and on behalf of the Government,  
being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION,

By Mr. Sullivan:

Q Your name is Joseph H. Adams? A. Yes, sir.

Q Where do you live? A. Miami, Florida.

Q How long have you lived there? A. Since 1920.

Q You are in business in Miami? A. I am.

Q What is your business? A. Hotel business.

Q What hotel are you identified with? A. The El Commodore Hotel.

Q What interest do you have in the hotel? A. I am the general  
manager.

Q I believe your father-in-law owns the hotel? A. That is right.

Q His name is Mr. Knight? A. Correct.

Q With what other business in Florida are you identified?

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A. I am in the racing business.

Q With what track? A. Biscayne.

Q That race-track is devoted to the racing of dogs?

A. Racing of greyhounds.

Q How long have you been identified with that track? A. Since it was licensed, in 1931, I believe.

Q Since that time? A. Yes.

Q How long have you been manager of the El Commodore Hotel?

A. Since July, 1934.

Q What is the size of the El Commodore Hotel? A. Twelve stories, 250 rooms.

Q During the latter part of the year, commencing with September, 1934, will you state as to the number of employees that you had? A. Is that in the office?

Q Yes. A. Five.

Q Will you give the titles of the different employees?

A. Well, George Gray, as clerk and assistant manager, and Mr. Sanderscock as chief clerk, and Mr. Covell as night manager and clerk, and I had two operators.

Q You mean telephone operators? A. Telephone operators.

Q Did you have any bookkeeper in your employment during that period of time? A. Sanderscock handled the book end of it, too.

Q What, if anything, did the clerks and Mr. Gray and Mr. Covell have to do with the books? A. Well, each clerk on duty brings his record up to the time that he leaves; then at night, the night clerk, which is usually the clerk and

night manager, brings all the books up to date, and closes them, and balances them, and the next day Sandercock checks the money and verifies the books, and takes charge of the money and deposits it.

Q Well, in your hotel during this period of time in 1935 that we have referred to, you had what was known as a guest card that the guest registers on, upon entering the hotel?

A. Yes.

Q And on the reverse side of that guest card, —

THE COURT: Hasn't that been gone over by other witnesses?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Why repeat it?

MR. SULLIVAN: I was leading up to the arrival and departure record. If the Court is satisfied it has been gone over, I will withdraw the question.

THE COURT: I was thinking it had been. Now, do you recall a card covering the registration at your hotel from September 1st to September 12, 1934, or thereabouts, do you recall that registration card of William J. Harrison and party? A. Yes, I do.

Q Of Cleveland, Ohio, is that right? A. I don't remember where they were registered from, Mr. Sullivan, but I remember the card.

Q Well, now, did you make a search for that card in your hotel previous to coming up here to testify in this case?

A. I did.

Q Were you able to find that registration card? A. To the best of my, --

MR. RENBCH: Answer it yes or no.

A. I beg your pardon. Repeat the question, please.

Q (Last question repeated by the reporter.)

THE COURT: Were you able to find the registration card? A. I was not.

Q Now, I show you Government's Exhibit 90, and ask you if you can tell us what this is, the book itself? A. This is the arrival and departure book that we use in the hotel.

Q Whose duty, if any particular person's in the office, is it, to keep up that record? A. The clerk that is on duty, when he registers a guest, he carries that in through an all of our records, and he is the one that posts the arrival, -- he might be off duty when the guest checks out, and the other clerk on duty then posts the departure.

Q Now, do you have anything to do with the observation and supervision of the keeping of the books and records of your hotel?

A. Yes, I do. I am the general manager and I am supervisor of the entire hotel.

Q Can you state as to whether or not this book, Government's Exhibit 90, has been kept under your direction and supervision?

A. It has.

Q Can you state as to whether or not the entries appearing in this book are true and correct? A. I can.

Q Are they? A. They are correct.

Q Is this Government's Exhibit 90 one of the books and records of your Hotel Company? A. It is, sir.

Q This record, Exhibit 90, was that brought up from Miami to St. Paul here? A. Yes, sir.

Q At the time of this trial by you? A. Yes, sir.

MR. SULLIVAN: Your Honor, I offer in evidence at this time page 222 of Government's Exhibit 90.

MR. RENSCH: May we have just a moment, Your Honor?

THE COURT: Yes. Page 222.

MR. SULLIVAN: Page 222, with reference only to the second line that is appearing upon that page.

MR. RENSCH: No objection with reference to foundation. I would like to have it subject to the general objection with reference to the time.

THE COURT: It may be received.

MR. SULLIVAN: May I read it to the jury at this time? I will read the heading of the page, and that will dispense with keeping it here.

THE COURT: That part may be read to the record to identify it.

MR. SULLIVAN: I will read the heading of that page: "Saturday, September 1, 1934, Guest Arrival," a column headed "Room," and then there is another column headed "Per," and another column headed "Card," and another headed "Rate." "Room 1005-4, Harrison, W. J.;" under "Per," there is a figure



1 with a 3 written over it or under it, I don't know which, 2213 is the card number; the rate has been changed evidently,-- there was a 3 and apparently a 7 is written over it. Now, I offer in evidence from the same record, or ask to read from the same record 90, the last entry appearing on page 247.

MR. RENSCH: No further objection.

THE COURT: It may be received.

MR. SULLIVAN: "Room 1004-5, Harrison, W. J.; persons, 2; card 2957." What does this heading up here mean?  
A. Departure.

Q Departure, what does that mean there? A. That shows the rate.

Q \$7.00? A. Yes.

MR. SULLIVAN: And the heading of that departure sheet is "Wednesday, September 13, 1934."

Q Now, I am calling your attention to this second line here, the entry of Harrison, W. J., and under the number of persons there appear to be two figures, one over the other. Can you explain that? A. When he registered in, he registered W. J. Harrison, and then when the clerk found there was someone else in the room, they changed it.

Q And they put down what? A. It looks like a 3 there.

MR. RENSCH: I move that when the clerk found there had been a change, he changed the figure, as being a conclusion of the witness and no foundation laid for that statement.

THE COURT: I think that statement may be stricken.

Q Apparently the word "One" was written in there first under the number of persons, is that right? A. Yes.

Q Later the number of persons was changed to three, is that correct? A. Changed to two.

Q Is that three or two? A. Two.

MR. HEISEY: What date was that under?

MR. SULLIVAN: September 1st.

Q I notice the rate has been changed also. It has been changed from what to what? A. From \$3.50 to \$7.00.

MR. SULLIVAN: May I just show that to the jury so they can see for themselves?

THE COURT: Yes.

(Mr. Sullivan shows same to the jury.)

Q Now, on the 13th of September, the departure sheet, the record discloses, does it not, that two persons checked out of that room? A. Yes, sir.

Q Now, did you know the occupant of the room just referred to? A. I knew Harrison.

Q William J. Harrison? A. Yes, sir.

Q How long had you known him? A. I should say around two and one-half to three years.

Q You had become acquainted with him in the race-track business? A. Yes, sir, he was a mutual clerk.

Q Had you seen him for sometime previous to September, 1934? A. No, I imagine it had been a year and a half.

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Q Where was Harrison when you first saw him in Miami, in September, 1934, where did you see him? A. He came to the hotel.

Q What hour of the day? A. I presume it was around nine or ten o'clock.

Q Do you know whether or not he had registered before you saw him? A. He had not.

MR. RENSCH: In the morning or evening?

THE WITNESS: In the morning.

Q Did you observe Harrison register or not? A. No, sir, I did not.

Q Well, now, when you first met him at the hotel at nine o'clock, on the morning of September 1st, state whether or not anyone was with him? A. He was alone.

Q Did you have any talk or conversation with him at that time? A. Yes, sir.

Q What was it?

MR. RENSCH: That is objected to as hearsay, and no foundation laid.

THE COURT: Well, I think I should have a showing before I rule on it. I am not able to determine whether it is hearsay, or whether it is material on some other point.

MR. SULLIVAN: I can indicate to the Court the purpose of the inquiry.

THE COURT: Very well.

(Conference between the Court and counsel off the record.)

- Q Well, now, when next after nine o'clock in the morning of September 1st was it that you saw Harrison? A. I think I saw him again that day.
- Q At about what hour was it? A. I believe it was in the afternoon, sir.
- Q Where did you see him on that occasion? A. In the hotel.
- Q Which part of the hotel? A. In the lobby.
- Q Was he alone or with some other person? A. He was alone at that time.
- Q Did you have a talk with him at that time? A. No, I don't think anything in particular, possibly said "Hello."
- Q Later did you see him the same day? A. Yes, sir, I think I did.
- Q Well, did you see him in company with any person in the hotel on the first day of September, 1834? A. Not on the first day, no.
- Q When did you see him in the hotel with anyone? A. I think it was the second or third day.
- Q That would be the second or third day of September? A. That is right, sir.
- Q On the occasion when you saw him in company with some other person, where was it, in the lobby of the hotel? A. In the lobby.
- Q Did you join him in any conversation when he was accompanied with this other person? A. Yes, we stood there and talked and --

MR. RENSCH: You have answered the question.  
Were you introduced by Harrison to this other person or not?  
A. I was.

Q Will you state the name of the man Harrison introduced you  
to? A. Mr. --

MR. RENSCH: I move that that be stricken out  
for the purpose of an objection.

THE COURT: Very well.

MR. RENSCH: I object to it on the ground that it  
calls for a conclusion of the witness, hearsay and no  
foundation laid.

THE COURT: If you are going to connect it up with  
someone, very well.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes, we will.

THE COURT: All right.

A. What was that question again?

(Last question repeated by the reporter.)

A. Mr. McDonald.

Q Mr. McDonald? A. Yes, sir.

Q Now, do you see the Mr. McDonald, to whom Harrison introduced  
you, in the courtroom here? A. Yes, sir, I do.

Q Will you indicate the man? A. That is Mr. McDonald there.

Q The man that arose is the defendant McDonald in this case?  
A. Yes.

MR. JENNINGS: May I move at this time to strike  
that answer out on the grounds that we have heretofore made,



as too remote and on the grounds that we have heretofore noted.

THE COURT: The objection may be noted and I will overrule the motion.

MR. JENNINGS: May I have an exception?

THE COURT: Yes.

Q Will you select from this group of photographs the picture of the man you have referred to as Harrison here in the testimony? A. Yes.

Q In response to my request, you have handed me Government's Exhibit 38, a picture of William J. Harrison? A. Yes, sir.

Q Did you talk with the defendant McDonald and William J. Harrison for any length of time at all on that occasion? A. Oh, I imagine for maybe five or ten minutes.

Q Was that the first time that you had ever met the defendant McDonald? A. That is right, sir.

Q Now, will you state as to whether or not any person joined this group of you and McDonald and Harrison at that time? A. I don't think so at that particular time, sir.

Q Well, after five or ten minutes, then, did you leave McDonald and Harrison? A. No, they left and went upstairs and I remained downstairs in the office.

Q Did Harrison and McDonald leave together? A. Yes, sir.

Q You have stated they went upstairs? A. They went towards the elevator; I didn't see them go up.

Q What time of the day was it, if you can recall? A. I believe it was around five or five-thirty.

Q Later that same day, did you see McDonald and Harrison?

A. No, I didn't see them any more that day.

Q Did you, the next day, see either McDonald or Harrison?

A. It was either the next day or the following day.

Q Who did you see on that occasion? A. McDonald and Harrison.

Q Anyone else? A. Yes, sir, there was another gentleman with them.

Q About what time of the day was it that you saw McDonald and Harrison and this other gentleman? A. As I recall, it was in the afternoon.

Q Where was it? A. In the hotel.

Q In the lobby, or some one of the rooms? A. In the lobby.

Q Now, can you give us the approximate date of that observation?

A. Well, all that occurred there, it might have been the following day, — it all occurred within a period of from the 2nd, as I recall, to the 6th or 7th, or maybe the 8th; it all happened in that time.

Q Well, I think you have stated here that you saw McDonald and Harrison talking together on either the 3rd or 4th of September? A. One of those days in the lobby.

Q Or the 2nd or 3rd? A. Yes.

Q And then two days, or a day or two days later, you saw McDonald and Harrison, and some third man talking together?

A. Yes, sir.

Q This time that you observed McDonald and Harrison together, the second time, was about four-thirty or five o'clock in

the afternoon? A. I think that is the time, sir.

THE COURT: We will suspend now until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

(Adjournment taken until ten o'clock a. m.,  
January 16, 1938.)

MORNING SESSION.

January 16, 1938.

(Direct Examination of Mr. Adams resumed by  
Mr. Sullivan.)

Q Mr. Adams, yesterday you stated that the first time you saw  
W. J. Harrison in Miami, along about the first part of  
September, was in the hotel lobby. That is correct, is it?

A. No, sir, the first time I saw him on September 1st, it  
was on the streets of Miami, and then later in the lobby of  
the hotel.

Q Well, you stated yesterday, in response to such question,  
that you saw him in the hotel lobby the first time?

A. Well, I wasn't correct in that, sir.

Q You desire to change that to what you just answered? A. Yes.

Q And then later on that same day you saw him in the hotel  
lobby? A. Yes, sir.

(Registration cards marked by the reporter for  
the purpose of identification as Government's  
Exhibits 102 and 102-A.)

Q I show you, Mr. Adams, Government's Exhibits 102 and 102-A, and ask you if that is one of the records of the El Comodore Hotel? A. It is, sir.

Q Is that one of the original records? A. It is, yes, sir.

Q Now, do you recall when you last saw that record, Mr. Adams? A. Yes, I think the last time was in January, when the Department of Justice came to the hotel to get all copies of these cards.

Q That was in January, 1935? A. Yes, sir.

Q At that time, was it turned over to some agent of the Department of Justice, that exhibit? A. I don't think it was turned over at that time.

Q Was it, at any later date turned over to your knowledge? A. Not to my knowledge, no.

Q But this is the first time you have seen the record since sometime in January, 1935? A. That is correct.

Q Is that a true and correct record of your hotel company? A. It is.

Q And all the entries appearing thereon are true and correct, are they? A. It is, sir.

MR. SULLIVAN: I offer in evidence at this time Government's Exhibits 102 and 102-A.

MR. REESCH: No objection other than the objection heretofore stated, Your Honor.

THE COURT: It may be received.

MR. SULLIVAN: This is the registration card and

the name of the registrant is W. J. Harrison, Cleveland, Ohio, date, 8-1-34.

Q Now, Mr. Adams, at the close of the session of yesterday, you stated that you saw the defendant McDonald and Harrison and some third party in the lobby of your hotel, and what date did you place that at approximately? A. Well, I don't remember the exact date, sir; it was between, I should say, between the 2nd and the 8th or 9th, or somewhere in there; I couldn't tell you the exact date.

Q Was that the first time that you had seen Harrison in the hotel? A. Yes.

Q Now, what time in the afternoon was it approximately?

A. As I recall, it was sometime after four-thirty, or maybe five or five-thirty, sometime late in the afternoon.

Q Do you know who the third man in that party was, were you introduced to him at all? A. I was not.

Q Did you hear him addressed in any manner by any of the persons?

A. I heard Harrison just refer to him.

Q In the presence of this third person or fourth person?

A. Yes.

Q How was he referred to? A. Sea Lion.

Q Do you see that person in the courtroom? A. Yes, sir, he is in here.

Q Will you indicate that person? A. Yes, sir, the gentleman right here (indicating).

Q The man that rises? A. Yes, sir.



Q That is the defendant Sawyer? A. Yes, sir.

Q Is that the first time you had met this man Sea Lion?

A. I was never introduced to him; he was there in the company of these gentlemen, and he was never introduced to me at all.

Q There was a conversation or talk between all four of you men on that occasion? A. Oh, yes, just a casual conversation, sir.

Q Did you hear any conversation between Harrison and McDonald and Sea Lion? A. Well, we were all talking there together, the four of us.

Q Did Mr. Sawyer take part in the conversation? A. Well, he never had at any time in my presence very much to say at any time.

Q Well, did he take part in this conversation? A. Oh, yes, just at intervals there he was talking.

Q Well, now, did the man you knew as Sea Lion, whom you have identified as the defendant Sawyer here, did he state during that talk as to where he came from and what his business was? A. No, I don't think at that time, at that particular time, -- during the time that I had seen him there at the hotel, I think on one occasion that he and Harrison and I were talking, and as I understood, he was in the safe business out west.

Q He said nothing about his business, or his business location at the time that you saw him first in the lobby? A. No, he did not.